



ANOTHER BOTTLENECK

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet workers trim trees along Forest Avenue in Maysville Wednesday. Motorists driving in the area may want to seek alternate routes.

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BROWN COUNTY

Asian Longhorned Beetle not expected

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BETHEL, Ohio | Government officials are still determining if trees should be destroyed within a five-mile radius of the Asian Longhorned Beetle infestation in Bethel, according to the Ohio Forestry Service reports.

The beetle is a serious threat to hardwood trees including maple, elm, willow, birch, ash, poplars, hackle-berry, moun-

tain ash, mimosa, boxelder and horse-chestnut, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. ALB was first discovered in Bethel in June 2011.

While the beetle can fly, it usually stays near the infestation area. It takes a lot of energy for the bug to move so it usually only goes from tree to tree. The biggest worry is that people will move it while hauling firewood, Drew Todd, Ohio Forestry Service spokesperson, said.

Bethel is located just a few miles west of the Brown County and Clermont County line on Ohio 125, about 15 miles north of the Ohio River.

The beetle is thought to be brought over from China inside pallet wood. In Worcester, Mass., more than 25,000 trees had to be cut down in one year due to the beetle, according to USDA reports.

See **BEETLE**, A11

TREES BEWARE

The Asian Longhorned beetle is a serious threat to hardwood trees including maple, elm, willow, birch, ash, poplars, hackle-berry, mountain ash, mimosa, boxelder and horse-chestnut

ONE STEP AT A TIME

Bracken sidewalk project gets second look

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BROOKSVILLE | Plans are inching forward to make changes to the retaining wall and sidewalk arrangements around the Bracken County Court-house.

During the Bracken County Fiscal Court meeting on Wednesday, Judge-

Executive Earl Bush showed magistrates a design layout for the plan and explained the county portion of the joint project with the city of Brooksville would be about \$70,000.

"I think it is a good project, but it is a lot of money," Bush said.

The plan, first proposed by city officials in 2011 would be part of an overhaul of the retaining wall area, which

already has parts tilting and cracked.

Better drainage design and safe areas for pedestrians going to the courthouse and justice center coincide with utility changes the city will be making for the justice center project, officials said.

See **PROJECT**, A2



WENDY MITCHELL, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

A retaining wall was discussed in Bracken County fiscal court on Wednesday. The wall would be replaced and a sidewalk area added as part of a joint effort between city of Brooksville and Bracken County fiscal court.

ROMNEY, SANTORUM SWAP CHARGES

CANDIDATES SQUARE OFF IN ROLLER-COASTER GOP FIGHT

DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. | Primed for a fight, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum swapped accusations about spending, taxes and congressional earmarks Wednesday night in the 20th and possibly final debate of the roller-coaster race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul chimed in, saying with a smile that Santorum was a fake conservative who had voted for programs that he now says he wants to repeal.

With primaries in Arizona and Michigan six days distant, Romney said Santorum voted five times while in Congress to raise the government's ability to borrow, supported retention of a law that favors construction unions and supported increased spending for Planned Parenthood.



MITT ROMNEY



RICK SANTORUM

See **DEBATE**, A2

War memorial bill gaining momentum

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FRANKFORT | If legislators agree, a war memorial will be built to honor Kentucky soldiers who gave their lives in the Iraq-Afghanistan wars.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, House Bill 256 was approved by the Kentucky House Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee, giving the bill the green light to go before the full House for consideration.

The bill to build a war memorial honoring Kentuckians killed in U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan was sponsored by local State Reps. Tom McKee, D-Cynthiana and Mike Denham, D-Maysville.

HOUSE BILL 256 DETAILS

HB 256 would set up an Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial Committee to plan for installation of the Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial either in Frankfort or another location suggested by the panel

See **BILL**, A2

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Storm System Moves From Midwest To East Coast

A storm system is expected to travel from the Midwest to the East Coast, bringing rain and snow showers. Meanwhile, snow showers will continue over the Rockies. Much colder temperatures are expected across the northern half of the nation.

BILL

FROM A1

“No tribute can match the sacrifice made by the 104 Kentucky military veterans who have lost their lives to date in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, or the ultimate price paid by the six Kentucky veterans who gave their lives in Operation Desert Storm,” McKee and Denham said in a joint statement. “Yet we, and other supporters of HB 256, believe that each veteran’s sacrifice calls for lasting recognition by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”

“The Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial will be a lasting, and appropriate, expression of Kentucky’s appreciation for the sac-

rifice that each of these brave men and women made to defend our great nation,” the lawmakers said.

HB 256 would set up an Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial Committee to plan for installation of the Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial either in Frankfort or another location suggested by the panel. By Oct. 1 of this year, the memorial location and design, along with the names of fallen veterans to be included on the memorial, would need to be submitted by the committee to the governor and other top public officials for review.

Calculating the cost to build the memorial would also be the responsibility of the memorial committee, which would seek funding from gifts,

grants, federal dollars and any other available public or private sources to pay for the project. All funds would be deposited in a memorial fund established by HB 256 and administered by the state’s Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.

Oversight of the memorial’s installation and day-to-day upkeep of the memorial would also be the responsibility of the Cabinet under the bill.

“We are eager for the committee to be established and begin its work on this important project following the expected passage of HB 256 this session,” said McKee and Denham.

HB 256 is being considered during the 60-day 2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly which ends the second week of April.

PROJECT

FROM A1

Utility changes will mean digging near the same areas so a “two birds with one stone” project was suggested.

According to Bush, Brooksville would have a cost of about \$60,000 and repaving, with the county using \$70,000 including materials like concrete and stone. Both agencies would be using road and maintenance crews to work on the project, Bush said.

Magistrates asked to have a decision on the proposal tabled until the next meeting, to give them time to review the design and look into cost estimates.

Work is expected to begin in the spring and take about three weeks to complete so it can be done in phases and limit disruptions to the limited parking near the courthouse, Bush said.

Roadwork of another kind brought officials from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6 to the meeting. While announcing a 2012/2013 input of

more than \$800,000 for the rural secondary road programs, officials mentioned a list of sites as priorities in 2012, including Asbury Road, Kentucky 875, Dutch Ridge Road and Kentucky 435.

While acknowledging the state list needed attention, magistrates suggested, then passed a motion recommending repairs to Dutch Ridge Road become a top priority, even if it meant shifting flex fund money in county road accounts to do it.

“I probably get more calls about it than anything else,” Bush said.

A slip needs to be repaired and the road resurfaced, at an estimated cost total of about \$76,000, officials said.

County officials must submit a final project request filing by April 1.

Magistrates continued to scrutinize bills, including the jail bill, which has averaged nearly \$10,000 a month for a while, officials said.

Bracken County houses most of its prisoners at Mason County Detention Center, and must pay for prisoners there until they

are freed or sent to state prison after sentencing.

According to Bracken County Attorney Mike Clark, certain new laws are making recovery of jail bills and debts to the court by prisoners harder to recover.

In an example, Clark said if a prisoner had a court and fine bill of \$800 and a jail bill of \$800, they can be given an option to serve out the cost in jail. Ironically, that would increase the jail bill to the county while also denying the county recouping the original funds, but wiping the slate clean of debt for the prisoner.

“A large portion of the people on the jail bill are circuit court cases that are awaiting trials or sentencing,” Clark said.

In other business, the court:

- Reappointed Christi Jones to the Bracken County EMS Board and Lisa Ruff to the Bracken County Ethics Board.
- Approved a motion to take over responsibility for paying for a street light at the intersection in Bladeston with a four-way stop.

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DEBATE

FROM A1

He said federal spending rose 78 percent overall while the former Pennsylvania senator was in Congress.

Santorum retorted that government spending declined as a percentage of the economy when he was in the Senate, and he noted that when Romney was asked last year if he would

support a then-pending debt-limit increase, “he said yes.”

There was a clash over federal spending earmarks, as well, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich sought to intervene as if serving as a referee instead of a debate participant.

He said he supported the earmarks that Romney had sought for the Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002, then accused Romney of observing a double standard by running television

ads attacking Santorum for having voted for different earmarks.

He said it was silly for Romney to take the position that “what you got was right and what he got was wrong.”

The debate had a different look from the 19 that preceded it. Instead of standing behind lecterns, the four presidential rivals sat in chairs lined up side by side.

There was another difference, as well, in the form of polls that underscored the gains that President Barack Obama has made in his bid for re-election.

An Associated Press-Gfk poll released Wednesday found that Obama would defeat any of the four remaining Republican contenders in a hypothetical matchup. It also found that the nation is showing more optimism about the state of the economy, the dominant issue in the race.

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SILVEY TAKES PLEA

FORMER TEACHER PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING

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BROOKSVILLE | Scheduled for a jury trial on a first-degree drug trafficking charge Wednesday, Nicole Silvey entered a guilty plea instead and has been scheduled for sentencing on March 15 in Bracken County Circuit Court.

According to court officials, Silvey, a former school teacher

and former Mount Olivet City Council member, is facing a recommended sentence of six years in prison, for the crime.

In the plea offer, Commonwealth's Attorney Kathryn Hendrickson opposed probation for Silvey, officials said.

Silvey has been in trouble with the law since her arrest in May 2007 for fleeing from police in Mason County; Silvey passed a Mason County deputy

at a high rate of speed in May's Lick, at times with her headlights off, and was eventually caught after the vehicle's tail-lights were spotted in a private driveway, police said in 2007.

At the time she was working at Deming School in Robertson County.

Silvey was charged with reckless operation of a vehicle and fleeing and evading police. Less than a month after her

sentencing on charges in Mason County, Silvey was in hot water again, this time in Bracken County.

By then she had resigned as a city council member and left her school job.

See **PLEA**, A4



NICOLE
SILVEY



TERRY PRATHER, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

FREE LUNCH | Ray Walters and Scott Johnson ate their lunch on the loading dock of the May's Lick Mill Wednesday. Patrons stopped in for the annual 'Seed Days' event at the mill and enjoyed a free lunch. The event continues today at the Jabetown Mill, Friday at Flemingsburg and Saturday at Plummers Landing.

BROWN COUNTY Undercover deputies catch alleged drug dealers

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RIPLEY, Ohio | During an ongoing undercover investigation, two men were arrested while allegedly attempting to sell drugs to Brown County deputies on Feb. 16, according to BCS reports.

Luke Stidham, 18, of Ripley, allegedly offered an undercover deputy marijuana at the Ripley Elementary.



LUKE
STIDHAM

Deputies paid him \$200 in marked bills which he took and then drove to the alleged pick up site for the marijuana, Chief Deputy John Schadle said.



WILIAM
HALL

"I followed him up the road, stopped, and arrested him before he left Brown County. He admitted to doing it and he had the marked bills," Schadle said.

William C. Hall of Maysville, was arrested Feb.

15, for one count of drug trafficking, a fourth-degree felony with a juvenile specification. Hall allegedly sold marijuana to an undercover deputy at the Bowling Alley in Aberdeen while in the presence of a juvenile, according to BCSO reports.

Hall and Stidham knew each other, Schadle said. And Stidham helped set up the deal with the undercover deputies at the Bowling Alley, according to Schadle.

Stidham was released on Feb. 17 with a \$10,000 cash, surety and property bond. Hall was released Feb. 16 on a cash, surety and property bond as well, according to deputy reports.

See **CAUGHT**, A4

Ky. Senate committee OKs casino gambling proposal

ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

FRANKFORT | Casinos could be built in Kentucky under a proposed constitutional amendment that cleared its first legislative hurdle on Wednesday after being modified to appease reluctant lawmakers.

The Senate State and Local

Government Committee voted 7-4 to send the initiative to the full Senate for consideration. If it passes there, it would then go to the House.

Republican state Sen. Damon Thayer of Georgetown, a horse industry consultant who is sponsoring the legislation, made some last minute

changes so that the proposal no longer requires up to five of the proposed casinos to be built at race tracks. New language allows up to seven casinos in the state with no assurance that they would be built at horse tracks.

See **CASINO**, A4



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PEP BAND | Greenup County High School pep band members Cassie Morrelles, Amanda Burton, both freshman, and Belle Lemaster a junior play before the Greenup Musketeers boys varsity basketball game against the Raceland Rams in the 63rd District tournament Tuesday Feb. 21 in Lloyd. Greenup County won 50-30 and advance to the finals against Russell on Friday.

BRETT BARROUQUERE
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE | The landmark 1998 national settlement between 46 states and 19 tobacco companies is valid and doesn't amount to a conspiracy or anti-competitive behavior by the government, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati

rejected claims from General Tobacco, a now-shuttered Mayodan, N.C., company, that it was misled into taking part in the agreement in 2004, causing it to effectively shut down five years later.

The Master Settlement Agreement ultimately prevented companies from being sued by state governments for the costs of health care for smokers, but

required a combination of yearly payments to states and restrictions on advertising. The settlement protected cigarette wholesalers and retailers from liability.

General Tobacco's attorney, John Bush of Bingham, Greenbaum, Doll in Louisville, said the company was disappointed by the ruling.

See **DEAL**, A4

FEDS INDICT KY. MINE COMPANY, OFFICIALS

LOUISVILLE | A federal grand jury has indicted a coal company and three operators at a Harlan County mine where an underground miner was killed in a roof fall last year.

The 32-count indictment issued Wednesday in London charges Manalapan Mining Company and three officials — the mine operations manager, superintendent and a foreman — "failed to report and record hazardous conditions" at its P-1 mine in Pathfork.

The indictment says preshift records kept by the officials dating from June 13 to June 28 were falsified. On June 29, 46-year-old David Partin died at the P-1 mine when a mine roof collapsed.

A spokesman at Manalapan Mining did not immediately return a call Wednesday. — **AP**

STATE OFFICER CRASHES CHASING SPEEDING CAR

VERONA | A state commercial vehicle enforcement officer has been injured in a crash while chasing a speeder.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer Joel Tignor's car rolled 360 degrees, landing back on its wheels Tuesday morning after Tignor lost control and the car ran off U.S. 42 in southern Boone County. Tignor was trapped inside the damaged car for a time, but managed to free himself. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital.

CVE spokesman Brian Gilliam said Tignor's injuries were not serious. Gilliam also said the speeding driver Tignor had given chase to didn't stop when the officer crashed.

Tignor lives in Florence and has been with the CVE since August. — **AP**

PARKS GROUP URGES MORE PROTECTION FOR MAMMOTH CAVE

BOWLING GREEN | A plan by the Environmental Protection Agency to exempt some older coal plants from tough air quality standards could hurt Mammoth Cave National Park, according to the National Parks Conservation Association.

The group is urging the EPA not to allow the exemption, citing a report released this month that it would allow emissions of 243 percent more nitrogen oxides "than the best pollution controls would allow."

The NPCA is an independent organization with a mission "to protect and enhance America's national parks for present and future generations," according to a statement posted on its website.

The group says Western Kentucky Energy has two small plants near Henderson that would harm the park without better pollution controls.

Western Kentucky Energy environmental manager Thomas Shaw told the Daily News that the plants are currently in compliance with EPA standards and the company hasn't asked for an exemption.

"It's hard to say whether or not we would be in compliance with any future (regulations) because we don't know what they are," Shaw said.

Nitrogen and volatile organic compounds can combine to form ozone, which is already a problem at Mammoth Cave.

"But over the last four or five years, we've really seen a decline in our ozone levels," said Bobby Carson, the park's acting chief of science and resource management.

He said health risks are down, "but we still need to work on ozone for the good of public welfare." — **AP**

PLEA

FROM A3

According to police, Silvey was driving a 2006 Ford Mustang on Kentucky 10 when she failed to negotiate a curve and struck Bauer Brothers Garage. The accident was reported to the building owners and Kentucky State Police responded to the scene after a wrecker service attempted to retrieve the vehicle.

According to the business owner, a neighbor said Silvey, her car still embedded in the garage building, had left the scene with a man in a truck, but returned to the scene in the same truck along with a tow truck from another towing business with the intent of towing it away and never called the police about the accident.

Silvey was charged with DUI and being in possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle. Her car was impounded by KSP.

On Oct. 3, 2011, Silvey was arrested and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance.

Her sentencing is scheduled for March 15.



CAUGHT

FROM A3

In other deputy reports: Deputies are looking for

CASINO

FROM A3

“I believe an issue of this importance should be put on the ballot to let the people vote in November,” Thayer said.

The measure, expected to undergo further changes, could get a vote on the Senate within days.

Many lawmakers remained uneasy Wednesday that the proposal allows no casino within 60 miles of a horse track, unless it's located at the horse track.

That provision could be amended on the Senate floor.

Sen. Dan Seum, R-Louisville, objected to a guarantee that horse tracks would get casinos, arguing that no specific industry should be written into the state's Constitution. Seum said that essentially would give a monopoly to horse tracks.

Gov. Steve Beshear made a personal appeal to committee members to approve the measure. He has been pressing lawmakers for five years to approve

two suspects who invaded a home east of Mount Orab on Canyon Road on Feb. 16. The suspects entered and restrained the residents of the home. One of the occupants

the constitutional amendment allowing Kentuckians to wager on more than the horse races that have been a longstanding tradition in the Bible-belt state.

If the constitutional amendment passes in the General Assembly, it would be placed on the November ballot for voters to ratify or reject.

Beshear said Kentucky is now losing hundreds of millions of dollars a year to neighboring states that already have casinos. He said Kentucky needs to legalize casinos so that that money can be kept in the state.

“This issue has been on the table for almost 20 years,” Beshear said Wednesday. “We’ve listened to two decades of debate, discussion, discourse on various forms of expanded gaming. But we’ve either been unable or unwilling to settle the matter. We’ve hemmed and we’ve hawed as states around us pressed forward.”

Beshear said Kentucky could collect \$266 million in one-time license fees by allowing casinos to open. Taxing them, he

managed to get a gun and chase the suspects off, according to deputy reports. Anyone with information about this incident should call the sheriff's office at 937-378-4435, ext. 114.

said, could generate an additional \$377 million a year in revenue for government programs and services.

The Rev. Hershel York, pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, said Kentuckians would have to lose tremendous amounts of money for the state to receive that much revenue.

“The governor's projections depend on, in fact, count on creating new gamblers,” York said. “And the safety net we have for them is simply not sufficient.”

Catholic bishops and Baptist pastors have issued stern warnings about the potential consequences of legalizing casinos.

“With their flashing lights, free-flowing alcoholic drinks, all-night hours and generally intoxicating atmosphere, casinos are more likely than other gambling options to lead to bad decisions and catastrophic losses for patrons, particularly those prone to problem or compulsive gambling,” said the Rev. Patrick Delahanty, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky.

DEAL

FROM A3

“The company is reviewing its options for further appeal at this point,” Bush told The Associated Press.

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway said in a statement that the state has received \$1.39 billion from the agreement since 1998.

“We appreciate the court upholding the in-

tegrity of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement,” Conway said.

The National Association of Attorneys General, which argued the case, was reviewing the decision.

The case arose after U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman in Louisville dismissed General Tobacco's challenge to the agreement in 2009, ruling that the company couldn't prove the settlement amounted to a conspiracy or anti-competitive behavior by the government.

General Tobacco, which sold the GT-One brand and at one point was the sixth-largest cigarette maker in the country, paid about \$600 million into the settlement, including about \$200 million in back payments for the six years the settlement was in place before the company joined, and another \$36 million in escrow.

General Tobacco, founded in 2000, claimed that nonparticipating companies were almost excluded from selling tobacco products in the United States because no wholesaler or retailer would risk selling a brand not covered by the agreement.

The settlement divided participants into two camps — original participants and subsequent participants. General Tobacco claimed that split amounted to a conspiracy and unfairly treated cigarette companies who came late to the agreement by making them pay more than the original group.

General Tobacco argued that it eventually signed on to the settlement because it was the only way to get full access to the U.S. tobacco market.

FOR THE RECORD

MASON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Feb. 10, 2012

Brandon T. Lang, 30, sentencing, two years, two counts third-degree criminal trespassing, theft by unlawful taking.

Barbara Jean Fite, 62, second-degree trafficking controlled substance, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 9.

Terry Wayne Stamper, 36, second-degree trafficking controlled substance, jury trial April 11.

Tony Rowe, 58, receiving stolen property, sentencing, three years.

Brittany N. Powell, 27, sentencing, two years, second-degree complicity escape.

Zachary H. Watson, 18, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 9, first-degree burglary, two counts theft by unlawful taking, firearm and farm equipment.

James Richard Thoroughman, 28, change of plea to guilty, sentencing, 11 years consecutive to any prior felony, first-degree trafficking controlled substance, first-degree persistent felony offender.

Kevin E. Ginn, 45, change of plea to guilty, sentencing, March 9, second-degree trafficking controlled substance.

Kevin D. Wilburn, 40, second-degree escape, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 9.

Martha Elliott Holmes, 40, probation revoked.

Terry Layton Brown Jr., 34, probation revoked.

Jacob Lee Dunaway, 32, probation revoked.

Kimberly Cooley Irwin, motion for shock probation, under advisement.

Ricky Juran Allen Oldham, 20, motion for shock probation, under advisement.

Joshua C. Eubanks, 33, motion for shock probation, under advisement.

Christopher Allan Sweet, 26, motion for shock probation, granted. Benjamin Camp John-

son Jr., 37, change of plea to guilty, sentencing, six years, cultivation marijuana five plants or more, trafficking marijuana eight ounces to five pounds, possession drug paraphernalia.

Jerry Wayne Hall, 26, motion for shock probation, under advisement.

Joshua R. Lanter, 27, motion for shock probation, under advisement.

Kimberly E. Doyle Colemire, 48, sentencing, two years, first-degree conspiracy trafficking controlled substance, three county first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree possession controlled substance, third-degree trafficking controlled substance.

Kristopher Kelly Ramey, 36, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 9, first-degree fleeing/evading police, first-degree wanton endangerment, speeding 26 mph over limit.

Tyler S. Wallace, 21, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 9, two counts trafficking controlled substance first-degree.

Sheana Marie Sexton, 31, sentencing, two years probated five years, theft by failure to make required disposition of property, theft by deception including cold checks under \$10,000.

Dustin Alan McCane, 32, sentencing, 12 months probated five years, two counts third-degree terroristic threatening, torture of cat/dog.

Walter A. Burch III, 24, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 9, first-degree robbery, third-degree assault, resisting arrest, second-degree fleeing/evading police, third-degree terroristic threatening, second-degree persistent felony offender.

Brett Jacare Commodo, 28, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 9, flagrant non support, second-degree persistent felony offender.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2012. There are 312 days left in the year.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

On Feb. 23, 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif., causing little damage.

ON THIS DATE

In 1685, composer George Frideric Handel was born in Germany.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington, D.C., at age 80.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1965, film comedian Stan Laurel, 74, died in Santa Monica, Calif.

In 1970, Guyana became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

In 1992, the XVI Winter Olympic Games ended in Albertville, France.

Ten years ago: Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt was kidnapped by a rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. (She was rescued along with 14 other hostages in July 2008.) Penn State pole vaulter

Kevin Dare, 19, died after landing on his head during the Big Ten indoor championships in Minneapolis.

Five years ago: A Mississippi grand jury refused to bring any new charges in the 1955 slaying of Emmett Till, a black teenager who was beaten and shot after whistling at a white woman, declining to indict the woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, for manslaughter. Democrat Tom Vilsack abandoned his bid for the presidency. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport became the first in the United States to begin testing new X-ray screening technology that could see through people's clothes. Forty-six countries attending a conference in Oslo, Norway, agreed to push for a global treaty banning cluster bombs.

One year ago: In a major policy reversal, the Obama administration said it would no longer defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act, a federal law banning recognition of same-sex marriage.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Peter Fonda is 72. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff is 69. Author John Sandford is 68. Singer-musician Johnny Winter is 68. Country-rock musician Rusty Young is 66. Actress Patricia Richardson is 61. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 60. Singer Howard Jones is 57. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 50. Country singer Dusty Drake is 48. Actress Kristin Davis is 47. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 47. Actor Marc Price is 44. Actress Niecy Nash is 42. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 41. Country singer Steve Holy is 40. Rock musician Lasse (loss) Johansson (The Cardigans) is 39. Actress Kelly Macdonald is 36. Actress Emily Blunt is 29. Actor Aziz Ansari is 29. Actress Dakota Fanning is 18.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“Men are more often bribed by their loyalties and ambitions than by money.” — Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1892-1954).



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DEATHS LOCALLY

MRS. COLE

MAY'S LICK | Patricia Lee Cole, 58 of Maysville, formerly of Dover, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at Meadowview Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 3, 1953, in Mason County, daughter of the late William Lee and Audrey Duncan Tufts.

Mrs. Cole was a devoted homemaker and passionate animal lover.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Cole whose death occurred Nov. 23, 2010.

She is survived by a son, Chance Cole of Maysville; one Uncle, John Duncan (Willma); four aunts, Helen Shannon, Barbara Fryman (Wavel), Shelby Adamson (Carlos) and Bess Stewart (Ronnie); and special friends, Randy Dennis, Jessica Shields, Dave Mason and Betty Mason.

A graveside memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, in the May's Lick Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Clos officiating.

Expressions of sympathy are suggested to the Buffalo Trace Humane Society, P.O. Box 758, Maysville, Ky. 41056.

Funeral arrangements and cremation services provided by the Palmer Funeral Home in May's Lick.

Online Condolences to www.palmerfuneralhome.net

MRS. HAMILTON

MAYSVILLE | Elizabeth Orme Hamilton, 100, passed this life, Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at the Maysville Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

Mrs. Hamilton was born in Robertson County, on Feb. 11, 1912, daughter of the late Howard and Maude Case Orme.

Mrs. Hamilton was the widow of Stanton W. Hamilton.

She was retired from J. C. Penney Company. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church and was active in the United Methodist Women's group. She was a member of the Mason County Homemakers and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Hamilton is survived by her children, Larry S. Hamilton, Sophie J. Hathorn, Janice H. Rawlings and Susan H. Tilly; several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline Hamilton Ormes; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Hamilton Ormes Bomcamp; two brothers, Harold G. Orme Sr., Howard M. Orme; and a sister, Frances Allison.

Services for Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton will be a private graveside service held at the convenience of the family with Rev. David Oliver officiating.

There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers or food donations may be made to

one's church or charity of one's choice.

Guestbook at knox-brothersfuneralhome.com

MR. THOMAS

MAYSVILLE | Roland Cartmell Thomas, 76, of Dover, died Tuesday Feb. 21, 2012, at Meadowview Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Dover, on Feb. 16, 1936, to the late Herman and Mattie Dietz Thomas.

Roland was an active member of the Dover Christian Church, where he served as a trustee, Sunday school superintendent, and song leader. He retired from Emerson Power Transmission and was currently employed at Haney's Hardware in Maysville.

Roland's first love was his family and friends, followed closely by his love of Bluegrass music. Many who knew him, will also remember him flying his plane over his hometown. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

He served his country for two years with the US Army Reserves 400th Quartermaster Unit of Maysville, then went on to join the United States Coast Guard where he served 10 years from 1957-1967

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Blythe Thomas; two daughters, Glenda (Paul) Bellamy of Maysville, and Pam (Joe) Hannah of Felicity, Ohio; three grandchildren, Jeff Vice, Bryan Vice and Joshua Hannah; six great-grandchildren, Alex, Gaven, Hannah, Seth, Andrew and Ryker; and one sister, Verla (Sam) Peege of Louisville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis Thomas.

Services for Roland C. Thomas will be at 2 p.m., Friday Feb. 24, 2012, at Brell and Son Funeral Home with Rev. Everett "Bill" Wilson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Garden of Memories. Pallbearers will be Jeff Vice, Bryan Vice, Joshua Hannah, Gene Blythe, Fleming Blythe and Harry Blythe. Honorary Pallbearers will be Alex Vice, Danny Patton, Scotty Hilterbrand, Jim Steele, John Darn, R.L. Allison, Darrin Blevins, Dennis Deatley, Raymond "Doc" McFarland, and Thomas Hall.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m., on Thursday, at the funeral home.

Condolences at www.brellandson.com

MRS. TIERNEY

MAY'S LICK | Ramona Cracraft Tierney, 56, of Winchester, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, after a strong fight with cancer.

Mona was a barber at Miss Holly's Barber Shop at Todd's Center in Lexington and was the loving wife of 32 years of Larry Tierney.

She was born on Dec. 4,

1955, daughter of the late George and Sophronia Bryant Cracraft.

She was a member of Grace Bible Church.

Other survivors include her children, Juliann (Brad) Jones and Chris Tierney; a stepdaughter, Gigi (Scott) Prater; two beautiful granddaughters, Mallory and Kynedee who always made her heart melt; two sisters, Mary Ann Newell and Darlene Hill; and a brother, Mark Cracraft.

Services will be at noon on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at Palmer Funeral Home in May's Lick.

Burial will be in Shannon Cemetery with casket-bearers Sam Middleton, Nelson Maynard, Phil Mauney, Steve Maynard, Richard Mitchell and Andres Nordin and honorary casketbearers Dr. Thomas Burchette, Dr. Robert Gayheart and Verne Mohr.

Visitation 11 a.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorials suggested to Markey Cancer Center. Condolences to www.palmerfuneralhome.net

MRS. TURNER

FLEMINGSBURG | Beulah Gardner Turner, 74, of Flemingsburg, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

She was born Dec. 22, 1937, in Fleming County to the late Earl Thomas and Rose Guley Gardner. Beulah is survived by three sons, Charles (Bo) (Marsha) Turner of Manchester, Ohio,

Randy (Claudia) Turner of Flemingsburg, and Everett Thomas (Mandy) Turner of Aberdeen, Ohio; four daughters, Carolyn (Medo) (Roger) Ruark of Ewing, Barb (Rick) Newdigate of Raleigh, N.C., Cheryl (Bill) Wilson of Aberdeen, Ohio, and Jenny Lou (Mike) Beckett of Fleming County; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Estill Gardner of Nicholas County and Ervin (Wanda) Gardner of Fleming County; and two sisters, Stella Sapp and Mable Hamilton, both of Flemingsburg.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Huff Gardner, Omar Chester Gardner, Steve Gardner and Ova Gardner.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at the Denton-Workman Funeral Home with Pastor Greg Grimes and Pastor Mike Ishmael officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home.

Donations are suggested to the Cancer Care Club, P.O. Box 189 Flemingsburg, Ky. 41041 www.dentonworkmanfh.com

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Evelyn Jewel Thoroughman — 1 p.m., Barbour and Son Funeral Home, Tollesboro.

FRIDAY

Mollie M. Dixon —

1 p.m., Palmer Funeral Home, Germantown.

Patricia Baker Evans — 1 p.m., Lafferty Funeral Home, West Union, Ohio.

Rosemary McCormick Kielman — 2 p.m., Globe Family Funeral Chapel, Garrison.

Roland C. Thomas — 2 p.m., Brell and Son Funeral Home, Maysville.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

FIRST AMENDMENT CRUSADER ROSSET DIES

NEW YORK | Barney Rosset was a publisher, not an author, and struggled for decades to write the story of his brave and wild life. But few over the past 60 years had so profound an impact on the way we read today.

The fiery and publisher Rosset, who introduced the country to countless political and avant-garde writers and risked prison

and financial ruin to release such underground classics as "Tropic of Cancer" and "Lady Chatterley's Lover," has died. He was 89.

Rosset died at a Manhattan hospital Tuesday night, said Kelly Bowen, publicity manager for Algonquin Books, which is to publish Rosset's autobiography. Rosset had recently had heart surgery.

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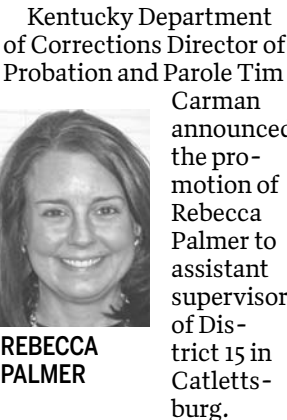
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Palmer promoted to District 15 assistant



REBECCA PALMER

District 15 has two field offices in Maysville and Paintsville and covers 12

counties including Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason and Morgan. Palmer will assumed her new duties on Feb. 16.

“Rebecca’s experience both in the work she has done in the Executive Leadership Program and in the varied roles in which she has served during her years with the division provides a great foundation for her promotion,” said Carman. “I am pleased to be able to pro-

mote Rebecca. I know she will continue to be a true asset as we move forward toward implementing meaningful supervision strategies and expanding our reentry focus.”

Palmer began her career with the Division of Probation and Parole in 1999 as a research analyst in the District 7 office in Covington. In November 1999 she was promoted to probation and parole officer I. In June 2006 she transferred to the District 15 office in Maysville. She

has performed numerous duties including supervising a regular caseload, supervising specialized sex offenders and presentence investigation preparation. She is also an active member of the 19th Judicial Circuit Drug Court Team, Coordinated Community Response Team through the Women’s Crisis Center and the Northeast Kentucky Reentry Council.

Palmer is a graduate of Murray State University where she earned a bach-

elor of science degree in criminal justice. She is also a graduate of the 2003 and 2006 Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Programs and is currently a participant in the 2011 Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Program.

Palmer is a native of Maysville and currently resides there with her husband, Michael, and her twin sons, Jackson and Jonathan. She also has a 14-year old stepdaughter, Mikaela, who resides in Jasper, Indiana.

WALL STREET

STOCKS LOWER A DAY AFTER DOW’S BLIP ABOVE 13,000

NEW YORK | A day after Dow 13,000, investors took a break.

Stocks closed lower Wednesday for the first time in four trading days. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 27.02 points to finish at 12,938.67. The day before, it briefly passed 13,000 for the first time since May 2008.

Some investors worried about the details of a bailout deal reached for Greece this week. But analysts said investors were mostly in a holding pattern after seeing the market hit an important psychological mark.

“The market is pausing for the next slew of good news,” said Doug Cote, chief market strategist at ING Investment Management. “The real U.S. economy continues to march along while the attention is on Europe.”

On Thursday, the government will give the latest reading on unemployment claims. They have been declining steadily and fell last week to 348,000, the lowest since March 2008.

The Dow has lost ground on just four of the past 11 trading days. It’s been trading at or near four-year highs for three weeks and is up 6 percent this year. Strong corporate earnings have been a key factor, Cote said.

On Wednesday, the Dow traded in a range of just 63 points. Over the past year, it has had smaller trading ranges on only nine other days. The average daily range over that time has been 181 points.

Financial stocks led the market lower. Investors worried that a \$170 billion bailout for Greece, announced Tuesday, would not be enough to keep the debt-laden country from eventually defaulting and possibly leaving the euro currency group.

Greece said the bailout, plus an agreement it hopes to secure from investors to take losses on Greek government bonds, will keep it in the euro group. “There is no issue of the country’s financial collapse,” Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said. — AP

Massive childhood comic collection fetches \$3.5M

JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS | The bulk of a man’s childhood comic book collection that included many of the most prized issues ever published sold at auction Wednesday for about \$3.5 million.

A copy of Detective Comics No. 27, which sold for 10 cents in 1939 and features the debut of Batman, got the top bid at the New York City auction Wednesday. It sold for about \$523,000, including a buyer’s premium, said

Lon Allen, managing director of comics for Heritage Auctions, the Dallas-based auction house overseeing the sale.

“This really has its place in the history of great comic book collections,” said Allen, who added that the auction was high energy, with “a bunch of applause at a couple of the top lots.”

Action Comics No. 1, a 1938 issue featuring the first appearance of Superman, sold for about \$299,000; Batman No. 1, from 1940, sold for about \$275,000; and

Captain America No. 2, a 1941 issue with a frightened Adolf Hitler on the cover, brought in about \$114,000, Allen said.

Among the 345 well-preserved comics bought decades ago by the Virginia boy with a remarkable knack for picking winners were 44 of The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide’s top 100 issues from comics’ golden age.

“It was amazing seeing what they went for,” said Michael Rorrer, who discovered his late great uncle Billy Wright’s collection last year while cleaning out his late great aunt’s house in Martinsville, Va., following her death.

Opening up a basement closet, Rorrer found the neatly stacked comics that had belonged to Wright, who died in 1994 at age 66.

“This is just one of those collections that all the guys in the business think don’t exist anymore,” Allen said.

Experts say the collection is remarkable not only for the number of rare books, but also because the comics were kept in such good condition for half a century by the man who bought them in his childhood.

“The scope of this collection is, from a historian’s perspective, dizzying,” said J.C. Vaughn, associate publisher of Overstreet.

Most comics from the golden age — the late 1930s into the 1950s — fell victim to wartime paper drives, normal wear and tear and mothers throwing them out, said Vaughn. Of the 200,000 copies of Action Comics No. 1 produced, about 130,000 were sold and the about 70,000 that didn’t sell were pulped. Today, experts believe only about 100 copies are left in the world, he said.

Allen said that 80 of the lesser-valued comics from the collection will be sold in an online auction Friday that’s expected to bring in about \$100,000.

Rorrer, of Oxnard, Calif., got half his great uncle’s collection and his mother took the other half to give to his brother Jonathan in Houston. Rorrer, 31, said he didn’t realize their value until months later, when he mentioned the collec-

tion to a co-worker who mused that it would be quite something if he had Action Comics No. 1.

“I went home and was looking through some of them, and there it was,” said Rorrer, who then began researching the collection’s value in earnest.

Once Rorrer realized how important the comics were, he called his mother, Lisa Hernandez, of League City, Texas, who still had the box for his brother at her house. The two then went through their boxes, checking comic after comic off the list.

Hernandez said it really hit her how valuable the comics were when she saw the look on Allen’s face when the auction house expert came to her house to look through the comics.

“It was kind of hard to wrap my head around it,” Allen said.

The find was a complete surprise for the family, and it is unclear if Ruby Wright was aware of the collection’s significance. Rorrer said he remembers her making only one fleeting reference to comics: Upon learning he and his brother liked comic books, she said she had some she would one day give them. He said his great uncle never mentioned his collection.

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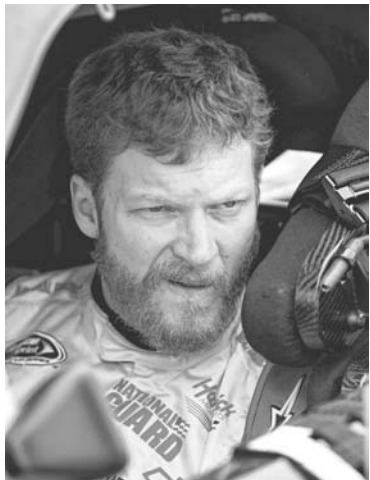
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OmtyHlt	23.85	+3.19	+15.4	Banro g	5.46	+0.44	+8.8	HillStm	22.55	+2.21	+30.0
ChikMYWd	2.73	+0.23	+9.2	HMG	4.08	+0.28	+7.3	Sourcefire	45.18	+9.36	+26.1
Chiquita	9.99	+0.76	+8.2	Newsun g	4.24	+0.26	+6.5	HackettGP	4.74	+0.87	+22.5
ChienBorP	3.57	+0.25	+7.5	Dreams	2.62	+0.15	+6.1	KongZhu	5.16	+0.92	+21.7
AegeanMP	6.88	+1.46	+21.2	Aurizon g	5.45	+0.56	+10.3	Trip Shop RS	3.84	+0.67	+21.1
TataCom	10.24	+0.68	+7.1	AlmadnM	2.86	+0.13	+4.8	ThreshPm	6.03	+1.02	+20.2
Herbalife	56.81	+4.35	+7.7	AlliNevG	34.40	+1.54	+4.7	LoJack	8.85	+0.61	+17.8
PilgrimsP	6.09	+0.40	+7.0	KeeganR	5.20	+0.22	+4.4	Camof	2.36	+0.35	+17.4
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
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Flagstone	7.99	-1.21	-3.2	TeInstEl	6.82	-1.10	-13.9	ZaZeAngY	4.20	-0.98	-18.9
NewfideExp	98.88	-5.37	-5.2	SynthBio	3.68	-0.19	-5.5	CEurMed	6.95	-1.55	-18.2
NBGro	3.13	-0.43	-12.1	InvCapHd	3.64	-0.25	-6.4	Atoran	209.75	-9.73	-15.6
ForestOil	12.78	-1.66	-11.5	Versar	2.70	-0.18	-6.3	Mattson	2.75	-0.44	-13.8
BIPNG	4.97	-0.83	-13.1	WellsGard	2.15	-0.14	-6.1	RevTech	4.00	-0.61	-13.2
LumberLiq	19.17	-2.36	-11.0	AMCON	60.04	-3.50	-5.5	Microsv	9.90	-1.22	-10.9
NBGre pIA	15.15	-0.62	-10.7	WaterInv	20.06	-1.09	-5.2	TSR Inc	4.37	-0.60	-12.1
KSZSxlnP38	23.23	-4.54	-10.8	Aerconity	10.48	-0.50	-4.6	IBC Pap 130	3.10	-1.70	-11.3
VinglOm	4.33	-0.48	-10.0	eMagine	3.82	-0.18	-4.5	Brighton	8.88	-1.12	-11.1
BrkBrands	3.10	-0.32	-9.4	Institutes	2.10	-0.10	-4.5	NorvilWrt	3.27	-0.38	-10.4
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
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BkofAm	2223228	7.95	-16	SamsO&G	50519	3.00	+0.30	SirusXM	538735	2.09	-03
S&P500ETF	146946	135.03	-44	ChienBorP	47182	13.78	+3.8	Intel	514470	26.73	-43
BPDR	675541	14.59	-19	Novagld g	45282	8.82	+0.7	DellInc	487882	17.15	-106
ForM	425630	12.28	-25	DenisnM g	33718	1.96	+0.9	Microsoft	480444	31.27	-17
GenElec	397076	19.39	-02	NA Pall g	22005	1.90	+0.6	PwShs	400362	63.32	-29
ISHemKts	386584	43.83	+08	NA Pall g	21402	2.82	+0.5	Cisco	355096	20.12	-24
SHR2K	386556	81.58	-05	Newsun g	20471	4.24	+0.6	Yahoo	269757	14.50	-25
Clgrpr	374789	32.36	-100	GoldStr g	19521	2.03	+0.1	Oracle	249080	28.55	-19
BarIPVix	369758	25.81	-73	YM Bio g	16289	2.08	+0.2	ApplMtl	222923	12.90	-19
WealthInt	362659	16.39	+103	Bacterin	16155	2.89	+2.8	Comcast	207546	29.28	+21
DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Advanced	1,189			Advanced	222			Advanced	827		
Declined	1,856			Declined	236			Declined	1,692		
Unchanged	102			Unchanged	34			Unchanged	114		
Total issues	3,147			Total issues	492			Total issues	2,633		
New Highs	103			New Highs	8			New Highs	59		
New Lows	4			New Lows	19			New Lows	19		
Volume	3,535,461,599			Volume	93,715,819			Volume	1,670,768,069		

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST													
Name	Ex	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD	Name	Ex	Div	Yld	PE	
AES Corp	NY	...	22	13.82	+0.04	+16.7		JPMorgCh	NY	1.00	2.6	9	
AT&T Inc	NY	1.76	5.8	46	30.28	-0.06	+1	JohnsCiti	NY	7.2	2.1	15	
AMD	NY	...	5	7.14	-14	-32.2		Kroger	NY	4.6	1.9	12	
AlcatelLuc	NY	...	...	2.44	-13	+56.6		LeeEnt h	NY	...	...	1.13
Alcoa	NY	12	1.2	15	10.38	-0.03	+0.0	LifePH	Nasdaq	...	12	38.95	
Altria	NY	1.64	5.5	18	29.65	+0.03	0.0	Lowes	NY	5.6	2.1	19	
AEP	NY	1.88	4.7	10	39.84	-0.03	-3.6	MGM Rsts	NY	...	13	17.77	
Apple Inc	Nasdaq	...	15	513.04	-1.81	+26.7		MarathnO s	NY	68	2.0	8	
ApplMtl	Nasdaq	32	2.5	11	12.90	+1.19	+20.4	MarvettI	Nasdaq	...	13	16.00	
Ashland	NY	7.0	1.1	12	62.46	-1.45	+9.3	McDnlds	NY	2.8	2.8	19	
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.1	6	46.87	-2.9	+9.7	McDnlds	Nasdaq	...	8	10.04	
BkOfAm	NY	0.4	5	...	7.95	-16	+43.0	MicronT	Nasdaq	...	20	1.1	
Bar IPVix	NY	...	...	...	25.81	-75	+27.4	MorgStan	NY	2.6	1.1	17
BrodeCm	Nasdaq	...	33	5.65	+1.14	+8.8		Nabors	NY	...	16	21.78	
BrownFB	NY	1.40	1.7	20	80.80	-1.16	+4	NSource	NY	92	0.9	23	
CSX s	NY	4.8	2.3	13	21.33	+1.8	+1.3	NokiaCp	NY	1.28	22.7	5.56	
Cemex	NY	...	...	...	8.08	-19	+49.9	NorthropG	NY	2.00	3.3	8
ChesEng	NY	3.5	1.5	7	24.03	-59	+7.8	Oracle	Nasdaq	24	8	16	
Chvron	NY	3.24	3.0	8	107.50	-91	+1.0	Penney	NY	8.0	1.9	26	
CincoBell	NY	...	...	...	16	3.72	+0.3	PepsiCo	NY	2.08	3.3	16
Cisco	Nasdaq	32	2.4	12	13.59	-32	+6.8	Pfizer	NY	8.8	4.1	17	
Citigrp s	NY	0.4	1	9	32.36	-1.00	+23.0	PhilpMor	NY	3.08	3.7	17	
CocaCola	NY	2.04	2.9	19	69.25	+4.3	-1.0	PwShs	NYSE	4.6	7	...	
Comcast	Nasdaq	65	2.2	19	29.28	+21	+23.5	PremFin	Nasdaq	...	8	6.13	
CSVSzVxV	NY	...	...	...	16.90	-11	-47.1	ProctGam	NY	2.10	3.3	16
Deere	NY	1.64	1.9	13	84.37	+1.18	+9.1	PulteGrp	NY	...	...	8.33
Dell Inc	Nasdaq	...	9	17.15	-1.06	+17.2		RadioShk	NY	50	7.0	10	
DrSCB s	NY	...	...	...	19.13	+41	-27.7	RegionsF	NY	0.4	7	34
DukeEngy	NY	1.00	4.8	16	20.93	+0.7	-4.9	ReynAmer	NY	2.24	5.6	17	
EMC Cp	NY	...	...	...	27	27.07	-18	S&P500	NYSE	...	...	1.54
EmersonEl	NY	1.60	3.1	17	51.96	+0.8	+11.5	S&P500ETF	NY	2.58	1.9	...	
ExxonMbl	NY	1.88	2.2	10	86.92	+35	+2.8	SearsHlgs	Nasdaq	33	...	52.08	
FifthThrd	Nasdaq	32	2.4	12	13.59	-32	+6.8	SirusXM	Nasdaq	...	16	2.09	
ForM	NY	2.0	1.6	7	12.28	-25	+14.1	SprngNex	NY	1.95	4.2	15	
FrontierCm	Nasdaq	40	8.7	27	4.59	-0.04	+10.9	SPDR Fml	NY	22	1.5	14.59	
GenEnC	NY	6.8	3.5	16	19.39	-0.2	+8.3	Supalva	NY	0.8	3.5	6.76	
GenOnE	NY	...	...	...	2.44	-10	-6.5	Textron	NY	58	3	36
GileadSci	Nasdaq	13	44.53	-16	+8.8	ThrsdPhm	Nasdaq	6.03
Goodyear	NY	11	13.15	-33	-7.2	TwoHrBlm	NY	1.60	1.6	6
Griffon	NY	0.08	7	...	10.83	-18	+11.6	US Bancrp	NY	50	1.7	12	
Halliburtn	NY	3.6	9	12	38.24	+1.21	+10.8	UnivCp	NY	4.8	1.6	11	
Healthp	NY	48	1.7	9	29.84	+1	+12.3	VangEng	NY	91	2.1	4	
Humana	NY	1.36	1.1	11	86.16	+1.8	+1.8	VerizonCn	NY	2.0	5.2	45	
iShSvny	NY	...	...	...	33.44	+0.24	+2.1	WalMart	NY	1.46	2.5	13
iShMkts	NY	81	1.8	...	43.83	-0.8	+15.5	WeathIntl	NY	...	63	13.6	
iS Eate	NY	1.71	3.1	...	51.37	+7	+9.8	WellPoint	NY	1.15	1.7	9	
iShR2K	NY	1.02	1.3	...	64.58	-65	+10.8	WellsFargo	NY	48	1.6	11	
IBM	Nasdaq	32	2.4	12	13.59	-32	+6.8	WellsFargo	Nasdaq	...	...	...
IBM	NY	3.00	1.5	15	83.87	+4.8	+5.4	Yahoo	Nasdaq	...	18	14.50	

Stock Footnotes: % = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. H = Does not meet continued listing standards. L = Late listing with the SEC. N = New or past 52 weeks. P = Preferred. NY = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year. R = Reverse listing with the SEC. S = Special dividend. V = Variable stock split. W = Warrants. **Gainers and Losers** must be worth at least \$2 to be listed in table. **Stocks** must be worth at least \$10. **Stocks** must be worth at least \$1. **Volume** in hundreds of shares. **Source:** The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.



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Dale Earnhardt Jr. looks out from his car outside his garage during practice Saturday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Junior's confidence on the rise at Daytona

AFTER 'FOOLISH FREAKIN' RACE' LAST YEAR

MARK LONG
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. | Dale Earnhardt Jr. left Daytona frustrated and furious last July.

One of his favorite tracks, the place forever linked to his family name, had become a bore.

Junior disliked every aspect of the newfangled tandem racing at NASCAR's superspeedways: the blind pushing, the feeling of not being in total control and the need for constant communication.

"It was a foolish freakin' race," he said after a 19th-place finish.

His outlook has changed considerably since. Between some NASCAR-mandated changes, results during testing and 54 wild laps in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout, Earnhardt's concerns have been alleviated.

See **DAYTONA**, A8

Early look at local teams in the upcoming region tournaments

AND A GLANCE AT THE OHIO TOURNAMENTS

The last district tournament semifinals in the 10th and 16th regions were played Wednesday night, meaning we now know the eight teams who will compose each region tournament.



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The 10th Region draws will take place Saturday morning at Harrison County and the 16th Region will do likewise at Morehead State after all the district tournaments are complete, so the pairings remain undetermined, but it's not too early to take a peek ahead to next week.

See **REGION**, A9

Conference races start to heat up

NO. 1 KENTUCKY RUNNING AWAY WITH THE SEC



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky senior Darius Miller (1) fires a shot past Mississippi State forward Arnett Moultrie (23) in the first half of the Wildcats' 73-64 win Tuesday night in Starkville, Miss. Kentucky owns a three-game lead in the SEC race with three league games to play.

JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

The college hoops season is winding down and some of the conference races are all but over.

Sure, there's still four games left for many teams, but it's hard to imagine any-one catching top-ranked Kentucky in the SEC or second-ranked Syracuse in the Big East.

There are, however, some races that will likely go down to the wire, including a couple that could potentially determine No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament. Here's a few to keep an eye on as the season finishes up:

BIG TEN: This race has the potential to be a free-for-all over the final four games. No. 6 Michigan State is in first thanks to a five-game winning streak that included a victory over No. 8 Ohio State. The Spartans aren't exactly feeling comfortable with the Buckeyes a half-game behind, No. 11 Michigan one back, and No. 16 Wisconsin

and No. 23 Indiana still lurking within striking distance. And the road isn't easy for Michigan State down the stretch, with Minnesota on Wednesday, followed by Nebraska, a road game against the Hoosiers and another showdown with Ohio State. This one could get exciting.

BIG 12: Every year, it seems like someone is about to end Kansas's conference-title run. Every year, the Jayhawks seem to have an answer. No. 4 Kansas is again in control this season, on pace to win at least a share of its eighth straight title. The Jayhawks got some help when Kansas State knocked off No. 3 Missouri for the second time this season on Tuesday, but still have a tough road and not much room for error. Despite its loss to the Wildcats, Missouri is just a half-game back and has a chance to make up ground Saturday in Lawrence. Beat the Jayhawks for the second time this season and the Tigers could put the squeeze on Kansas.

See **RACES**, A8

REDS' BRUCE REPORTS TO CAMP 16 POUNDS SLIMMER

GOODYEAR, Ariz. | Cincinnati Reds fans will see less of Jay Bruce this season.

The outfielder has reported to camp weighing 16 pounds less than at the end of last season. It's a noticeable change for the All-Star, who thinks the slimmer body will make him faster and help him get through the season better.

Though he made the All-Star team last season, his batting average, slugging percentage and on-base percentage dropped slightly. Bruce batted .256 with 32 homers and 97 RBIs in 157 games.

Bruce started losing weight in January, dropping the 16 pounds in six weeks through workouts and diet. Manager Dusty Baker thinks the weight loss will help Bruce at the plate, allowing him to get through his swing a little quicker.

Reds position players report to camp on Friday. — **AP**

ACC FILES COMPLAINT WITH SEC AGAINST VANDY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. | Vanderbilt officials say the Atlantic Coast Conference has filed a formal complaint for one of its members with the Southeastern Conference involving the Commodores' football team.

Vice chancellor David Williams said in a statement Wednesday that the SEC informed Vanderbilt of the complaint.

"We are complying with SEC and Vanderbilt procedures and are conducting an investigation on the matter," Williams said.

Neither the ACC nor the SEC had any immediate comment.

The Washington Post reported earlier Wednesday that Maryland coach Randy Edsall gave unconditional releases to three players, including quarterback Danny O'Brien, after originally trying to block any transfer to a handful of schools including Vanderbilt. The Commodores hired James Franklin as head coach in December 2010 away from Maryland where he had been head coach in waiting to Ralph Friedgen.

Franklin led Vandy to a 6-7 record his first season. — **AP**

BCS LEADERS FAR FROM AGREEMENT ON CHANGES

GRAPEVINE, Texas | The conference commissioners who run the BCS have wrapped up two days of meetings with plenty of options still to consider. They are still far from any final decisions on changes to college football's postseason and how to determine a champion.

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany says the group is trying to understand all the pieces to be considered. He says the process is just beginning.

The 11 conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director met with BCS Executive Director Bill Hancock on Wednesday at a hotel at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. They are scheduled to meet there again March 26.

In a joint statement, they described their meetings as productive and have a self-imposed deadline of "sometime this summer" to decide what changes to propose. — **AP**

SURGERY SCHEDULED FOR UCONN COACH CALHOUN

STORRS, Conn. | The University of Connecticut says men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun will undergo surgery on Monday to address a condition affecting his lower back.

UConn said Calhoun will miss the Huskies' next two games, against Syracuse and Providence, and his coaching status will then be evaluated on a day-to-day basis.

Calhoun said in a statement released Wednesday that he looks forward to having the procedure done and hopefully recovering as quickly as possible. — **AP**

Spoelstra says celebrate Lin for his play, great story



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New York's Jeremy Lin, right, handles the ball as he is guarded by New Jersey's Deron Williams during the second quarter of the Nets' 100-92 defeat of the Knicks on Monday in New York.

'A GREAT RAGS-TO-RICHES STORY'

TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI | Heat coach Erik Spoelstra makes no secret about the fact that he's enjoying the Jeremy Lin story.

An undrafted player from Harvard bounces around and auditions for a handful of NBA clubs, even spends some time in the NBA Development League, then finally gets a chance to play with the Knicks. And on New York's stage in-

stantly becomes a star who's putting up monster numbers every night while seeming to carry one of the league's most storied franchises with ease. "It's a great story," Spoelstra said. "It really is."

In Spoelstra's mind, it's a good enough story to stand on those merits alone.

Nonetheless, heritage is a massive part of the Linsanity craze. Lin — the son of Taiwanese parents — is not the NBA's first Asian-American player,

but surely the first to generate this much interest. Spoelstra's mother is from the Philippines, making him the league's first Asian-American coach.

He and Lin will be on opposite ends of the court in Miami on Thursday night when the NBA-leading Heat hosts the Knicks.

"It's a great rags-to-riches story," Spoelstra said. "That's the bigger story. And hopefully years from now it'll be about that, not about the ethnicity."

See **LIN**, A8

RACES

FROM A7

And don't forget about No. 13 Baylor; the Bears are just two games back and as dangerous as any team in the conference. ACC: The two-team race everyone predicted at the start of the season has another team that nosed its way in: No. 15 Florida State. The surprising Seminoles are tied for second with No. 5 Duke, just a half-game behind No. 7 North Carolina, and has beaten both teams. Florida State and Duke play Thursday night in one of the most anticipated games in Tallahassee in decades. North Carolina and Duke still have to play each other in the regular-season finale in Durham on March 3, while Florida State follows its game against the Blue Devils with road games against

Miami and Virginia, then Clemson at home in the finale. Depending on what happens to other teams in the top 10 over the final two weeks, this could be a race with a No. 1 NCAA seed on the line. IVY LEAGUE: The hook in this race is what happened last season. Harvard won a share of its first Ivy League championship last season, only to miss the NCAA tournament after losing a one-game playoff to Princeton. For a team that hadn't been to the NCAAAs since 1946, that was a tough one to take. While most of the nation is caught up in the Linsane attention being paid to Harvard alum Jeremy Lin — you know, that guy with the Knicks who's everywhere — the Crimson have been trying to build a case to get a dance ticket no matter what happens in the Ivy. Still, after what happened last season, Harvard would

much rather lock it up for sure. With a two-game lead over Pennsylvania, a win over Princeton on Friday could go a long way to doing that. PAC-12: Yes, it's a down year in the conference. The Pac-12, depending on how things fall, has the potential to get just one NCAA tournament bid. Ugly, but it kind of adds to the intrigue over the final two weeks. California and Washington are on top at 12-3 and have a 1½ game lead over Colorado, with Oregon and Arizona right behind. The Bears and Huskies have, outside of Cal's road game against Colorado on Sunday, relatively easy schedules to close out the season. But, the way things have gone in the Pac-12 so far, one or even both could slip up and create havoc the final weekend of the season. If things do hold up, the conference could get as many as three NCAA bids,

which wouldn't be bad considering what a rough year it's been out West. CONFERENCE USA: Neither Memphis nor Southern Miss can seem to pull away in this race. The Tigers had a chance to go up a game on Saturday, but lost to middle-of-the-pack Texas El-Paso at home. The Golden Eagles had a similar hiccup on the same day, losing to 12-13 Houston on the road. Heading into Wednesday night's games, Memphis and Southern Miss were tied atop the conference, with Tulsa, Central Florida and Marshall still within sight of the lead. This is a title no one seems to want to take, which means it could come down to the last weekend, when Memphis faces Tulsa and Southern Miss goes to Marshall. Even then, we could be looking at a shared title the way things have gone this season.

DAYTONA

FROM A7

Now, he might even be considered a front-runner heading into Thursday's qualifying race and Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500. "I do feel like I have a better shot at winning in this current style of racing," Earnhardt said Wednesday. "I do feel more confident than I did coming down here and tandem drafting. I never felt really great about that. It is a completely different

style of racing and it's not what I enjoyed. "I definitely feel better about this." Still, Earnhardt and others believe tandem racing in the final laps will determine the outcome in the qualifying races and "The Great American Race." But not having to push, pull, sweat and swap for 200 laps around the high-banked track means everything to NASCAR's most popular driver — and maybe even more fun to his legion of fans. After all, Earnhardt won the 2004 Daytona 500 and

has a dozen other victories at NASCAR's most storied track. It's also the place where his father, seven-time NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt, won 34 races and died on the final lap in the 2001 opener. So Daytona has become synonymous with the Earnhardt legacy. It will always be an important place for Junior, for better or worse. He knows it, and so does everyone around him. And now that the racing has returned, at least in part, to the pack style Junior enjoys and seems to thrive in — it was just two years ago that he stormed through the field on the final lap and finished second to Jamie McMurray in a thrilling finish — it only makes sense that he would be a favorite again. Nonetheless, he knows he needs good fortune to stay out front. "I really wouldn't know what to tell you do to as far a series of moves or what kind of mind-set to have," said Earnhardt, whose winless streak is at 129 races. "There is no sure strategy that is going to keep you out of a wreck or having you lead the race off turn four. You just have to go through-out the race and hope you continue to make every decision right, kind of like a line of dominos; you just hope everyone that falls hits the next one. "Eventually, you come off the last corner and

you are in position to try to make that last decision that is going to win the race. That is about it. I think you just have to have good instinct about drafting and what is happening around you. ... You have to be really selfish and always want to help yourself and always do what is going to help you, which is really not my personality, but for whatever reason I'm pretty good at it. Hopefully it will work out for us." It worked to perfection in 2004, a victory Earnhardt still savors nearly a decade later. He vividly remembers the raucous celebration in Victory Lane, the unremitting adulation from fans and media, and the flattering comparisons to his late father. "I had no idea what winning that race would feel like until I won it," Junior said. "I didn't know what to compare that to. When you win that race, it is really hard to explain. All the things that you want out of life and all the pressures you put on yourself or you feel from other people, all the things you want to accomplish; everybody sort of has this mountain in front of them that they put in front of themselves that they want to climb. "For a moment, or for a day, you are at the top of that mountain." Nothing else matters, he said. Little things that can be bothersome are distant memories.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 23	
BOYS' BASKETBALL Mason County vs. Augusta, 39th District championship at Bracken County, 8 p.m.	Lewis County vs. Raceland, 63rd District tournament championship at Greenup County, 7 p.m.
GIRLS' BASKETBALL Mason County at Bracken County, 39th District tournament championship, 6:30 p.m.	Deming vs. Harrison County, 38th District tournament championship at Nicholas County, 7:30 p.m.
Fleming County vs. Rowan County, 61st District tournament championship at Bath County, 7 p.m.	Ripley vs. Georgetown, district tournament at Wilmington, 7:30 p.m.
	Peebles vs. Oak Hill, district tournament at Waverly, 8 p.m.
Times subject to change	

SPORTS ON TV

THURSDAY, FEB. 23	
AUTO RACING 2 P.M. SPEED — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Duel at Daytona, at Daytona Beach, Fla.	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 7 P.M. ESPN — Duke at Florida St. ESPN2 — Alabama at Arkansas
GOLF 10:30 A.M. TGC — LPGA, Women's Champions, first round, at Singapore (same-day tape)	9 P.M. ESPN — Louisville at Cincinnati ESPN2 — Wisconsin at Iowa
2 P.M. TGC — PGA Tour-WGC, Accenture Match Play Championship, second round matches, at Marana, Ariz.	10:30 P.M. FSN — Stanford at Colorado
6:30 P.M. TGC — PGA Tour, Mayakoba Classic, first round, at Playa del Carmen, Mexico (same-day tape)	11 P.M. ESPN2 — BYU at Gonzaga
	NBA BASKETBALL 7 P.M. TNT — New York at Miami
	9:30 P.M. TNT — L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City

THIS DAY IN SPORTS

FEB. 23
1938 — Joe Louis knocks out Nathan Mann in the third round to defend his world heavyweight title at Madison Square Garden in New York.
1960 — Carol Heiss captures the first gold medal for the United States in the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, Calif., winning the figure skating event.
1968 — Wilt Chamberlain becomes first player to score 25,000 points in the NBA.
1980 — Eric Heiden wins his fifth gold medal and shatters the world record by six seconds in 10,000-meter speed skating at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. His time is 14:28.13.
1983 — Mark Pavelich of the New York Rangers scores five goals in an 11-3 victory over the Hartford Whalers.
1985 — Indiana coach Bob Knight is ejected five minutes into the Hoosiers' 72-63 loss to Purdue when he throws a chair across the court. Knight, after two fouls called on his team, is hit with his first technical. While Purdue was shooting the technical, Knight picks up a chair from the bench area and throws it across the court, earning his second technical.
1987 — Seattle's Nate McMillan sets an NBA rookie record with 25 assists to lead the SuperSonics over the Los Angeles Clippers 124-112.
1991 — North Carolina becomes the first team in NCAA basketball history to win 1,500 games with a 73-57 victory over Clemson.
2000 — Boston's Marty McSorley is suspended for the rest of the season (23 games) for hitting Vancouver's Donald Brashear in the head with his stick on Feb. 21.
2001 — Jeremy Roenick records the ninth three-goal game of his career and becomes the third U.S.-born player to reach 400 career goals in leading Phoenix to a 7-3 win over Buffalo.
2002 — The Americans end nearly a half-century of Olympic frustration for the U.S. men's bobsled team, driving to the silver and bronze medals in the four-man race.
2006 — Japan's Shizuka Arakawa, the 2004 world champion, stuns favorites Sasha Cohen of the United States and Irina Slutskaya of Russia to claim the women's figure skating gold medal at the Winter Olympics.
2007 — Tiger Woods' winning streak on the PGA Tour, which began in July, comes to a shocking end. Woods fails to notice a ball mark in the line of his 4-foot birdie putt that would have won his third-round match against Nick O'Hern. Woods misses, then loses in 20 holes when O'Hern saves par with a 12-foot putt at the Accenture Match Play Championship.
2010 — In Vancouver, British Columbia, Dutch skater Sven Kramer loses the Olympic gold medal when his coach Gerard Kemkers sends him the wrong way on a changeover during the 25 laps of the 10,000-meter speedskating race. Kramer had not lost a 10,000 in three years.

SPORTS CALENDAR

BASEBALL
The Tom Browning Boys & Girls Club is now forming its spring and summer baseball and softball leagues, free of charge and for children ages 5-15. The teams are divided by grade category. The deadline to sign up is March 16 at 5 p.m. Applications are available at the club or at tombrowningboysand-girlsclub.com. For more information, contact Caitlin Waddell at 606-564-3093.
BASKETBALL
The Lewis County Hoops Mania Tournament for boys in grades 3-6 will be held on Feb. 25-26 in the middle school and high school gyms. Entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information, call Todd Ruckel at 606-202-1406 or Joe Hampton at 606-776-7980. The third annual Roundball Classic is March 10-11 at Lewis County High School, Lewis County Middle School and Central Elementary gyms and is sponsored by the LCHS football program. The entry fee is \$100. For more information, call John Holder at 606-796-2531 or 606-202-3009, or Harlan "Bub" Lee at 606-798-6006 or 606-301-1048.
RUNNING
The Lewis County High School baseball team is hosting "The Roaring Lion" 5K walk/run March 10 in Vanceburg at 11 a.m. Registration is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. Day-of-race registration is at Trace Creek Construction beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call Keith Prater at 606-796-2823 or email keith.prater@lewis.kyschools.us or call Kenny Ruckel at 606-541-6244 or email kdrukkel@gmail.com.


LIN

FROM A7

Lin went into New York's game Wednesday against Atlanta averaging 24.6 points and 9.2 assists in a 10-game stretch since joining the Knicks' rotation, and the Knicks have won eight of those games to save a season that was spiraling out of control. Basketball's reach has long been global, which is evident every time Spoelstra speaks with reporters. Whether it's in the Heat press room or on the practice floor, his media availabilities almost always take place with him standing or seated before a drape bearing with the Heat logo — and one for Tsingdao, a Chinese beer company that entered into a multiyear agreement with the team a few months ago. And Spoelstra's following in the Philippines is

massive. The Heat broadcast department streamed live pregame, halftime and postgame shows on the team's website during last season's playoffs, getting more clicks from the Philippines than any other foreign country. He has made trips there in recent summers for camps and clinics, typically being overwhelmed by the sizes of crowds coming out for those events. Still, no one ever coined the term Sposanity. Spoelstra remembers the first time he heard of Lin, and it wasn't when he started turning the Knicks around. It was July 2010, about a week after James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh dominated the NBA news cycle by all deciding to play together in Miami. Lin was with the Dallas Mavericks' summer league team in Las Vegas, simply trying to make an NBA roster.


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Denny Hamlin answers questions at NASCAR media day Feb. 16 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Hamlin puts 2011 behind him

WITH NEW CREW CHIEF

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. | Denny Hamlin is just fine, but thanks for asking.

Of course, nobody really believed that Hamlin was OK after losing the 2010 championship to Jimmie Johnson in the season finale. He moped for a good while, and, although he's quiet by nature, he seemed withdrawn. When his mood never really improved, and his results on the race track slipped significantly, people began to openly wonder about Hamlin's psyche.

As he starts a fresh season with a new crew chief, Hamlin is determined to show he's not a head case and can win a Sprint Cup title. Although he admitted late last season to working with noted sports psychologist Bob Rotella, Hamlin said he's got everything under control.

"People make a big deal out of this whole Bob Rotella thing. I saw him twice. Twice. In a two-hour period," Hamlin said. "It's not like I'm seeing the guy weekly and I've got serious problems. But, basically, it was how excited am I supposed to be? Or, how am I not supposed to hang my head when we run like absolute (junk)?"

"I'm embarrassed. I wanted to be invisible. I didn't want to be seen because I viewed myself as pathetic last year the way we ran."

Indeed, 2011 was a steep drop-off from his near-championship run.

Hamlin won eight races in 2010 and took a 15-point lead over Johnson into the season finale. But he admits now he didn't have a shot at winning the title, largely because of a devastating result the week before at Phoenix.

Hamlin dominated in the desert and seemed headed to a victory that would have likely put the nail in Johnson's reign of four straight titles. Instead, a miscalculation on fuel forced him to make a late pit stop. He finished 12th, Johnson was fifth, and Hamlin never recovered.

He was a nervous wreck the entire weekend at Homestead — Johnson and fellow title contender Kevin Harvick openly mocked Hamlin's perceived fragility — and it showed in a poor qualifying effort, an early on-track incident, and a flat, 14th-place finish.

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Hernandez seeks pardon to rejoin Indians

HURLER FORMERLY KNOWN AS CARMONA ON RESTRICTED LIST

DIONISIO SOLDEVILA
Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic | The pitcher Roberto Hernandez, formerly known as Fausto Carmona, told The Associated Press he hopes to obtain a judicial pardon and return to the Cleveland Indians this season.

Hernandez was placed on baseball's restricted list after he was arrested in the

Dominican Republic on false identity charges last month. Authorities have said he is 31, three years older than the pitcher claimed.

"I'm doing all that is necessary so that when the pardon is granted, I won't have to wait long to play again," he said Wednesday.

Hernandez also said he keeps in touch with Indians manager Manny Acta.

"He has provided sup-

port," he said. "We don't talk a lot about the issue, but he is keeping an eye on me."

Hernandez's agent, Jorge Brito, said he is confident Hernandez will soon rejoin the team.

"We are working to resolve this situation, and we believe that Roberto will be able to pitch in the major leagues this year," Brito said.

Hernandez said he is meeting with young base-

ball players to warn them about the problems of using a false identity.

Hernandez said he chose to remain quiet about his past when fellow Dominican player Juan Carlos Oviedo, a Miami Marlins reliever formerly known as Leo Nunez, was detained after playing under a fake name for seven major league seasons.

"I know I should have come clean before, but I

was scared to reveal what happened to me," Hernandez said. "That's why I waited until it became public."

Hernandez went 7-15 with a 5.25 ERA last season and was expected to be part of the starting rotation this year. The Indians exercised his \$7 million option for 2012 in October.

Cleveland signed Hernandez to a four-year contract in 2008. The club has options on him for 2013 at \$9 million and 2014 at \$12 million.

REGION

FROM A7

- Mason County's boys, predictably, will go to the region for the 14th straight season, to be joined by Augusta out of the 39th District after the Royals and Panthers beat St. Patrick and Bracken County, respectively, in semifinal play this week. Mason and Augusta will play in the district final tonight for the second straight season.
- In the girls' 39th, tonight's final pits Bracken and Mason, with both teams set to go to the region. The Lady Bears and coach Patrick Kelsch have continued to play well since the loss of senior Sara Sticklen, an Asbury University signee considered one of the top players in the region.
- It hasn't exactly been a smooth season for the Lady Royals under coach Piper Lindsey, who has

drawn perhaps more than her fair share of criticism considering it's her first season in Maysville, plus the state of the program when she took over, but Mason seems to be on the upswing at the right time after a win Monday night against a quality opponent in St. Patrick.

- It may be a year later than everyone expected, but Deming is back in the region tournament. The Black Devils, behind Kyle and Luke King and under the direction of Jamey Johnson, went 20-10 last season but couldn't get past Pendleton County, the eventual region runner-up, in the 38th District semifinals. This year, Deming is 12-19 heading into Friday night's district tourney final against the Wildcats, but they'll get to make the trip to the region tourney in Mount Sterling after outlasting host Nicholas County in three overtimes Tuesday night.
- The Lady Devils are also back in the region

tourney for the first time since 2009 after taking it to host Nicholas on Tuesday night. Senior leaders Kelsey Carmack and Jessica Mitchell were freshmen on that last Deming regional team, and spunky guard Lacey Mitchell suited up for those Lady Devils as a sixth-grader.

- Fleming County's boys and girls each have to deal with Rowan County in their respective 61st District tourney finals. The Lady Panthers are in the region tourney for the fourth straight season, and with a win tonight over the Lady Vikings and/or an Ashland Blazer loss to Boyd County in tonight's 64th District final, Fleming will finish the district tourney at least tied for the most wins in the region. Their boys counterparts will play in the region tourney for the third straight season and oppose Rowan in the district final Friday night for the third straight year, having lost the first two.

- Lewis County and Raceland do battle tonight in the 63rd District girls' finals, with home-court advantage in the first round of the 16th Region tourney on the line. The Lady Lions won the first meeting 48-36 Jan. 21.
- Turning our attention north of the river, three girls' teams are still alive in tournament play and at least one is guaranteed to be eliminated tonight as Ripley and Georgetown's girls head north to Wilmington for a district semifinal matchup. Peebles takes on Oak Hill, which is 18-3 and is last year's Division III state runner-up.
- As for the boys, Eastern Brown started the season 1-4 and hasn't lost since, winning the Southern Hills League outright on the final weekend of the season thanks to Peebles' upset loss to North Adams. The Warriors, led by SHL coach of the year Rob Beucler and all-league players in Chase Lawson, Jordan Payne and Conner

Purdin, garnered a district No. 1 seed and play Northwest Friday night, with a win advancing them to the Convo at Ohio University.

- Ripley and Peebles tied for second in the league and each also play their tournament openers this weekend. The Blue Jays and all-league performers Jordan Mitchell and Logan Perkins take on Mariemont Friday night at Western Brown, and the Indians, led by all-leaguers Trent Arey and Jacob Daniels, face Westfall Saturday, also one win from the Convo.
- Manchester takes on league mate Fairfield in its sectional opener Tuesday evening. The Greyhounds and Lions have split a pair of close contests this season, with Fairfield taking the most recent meeting 59-52 Feb. 10.
- Georgetown's boys cap a solid regular season with a date with Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy in their sectional opener Saturday evening.

MAC COMMISSIONER SAYS TEMPLE, BIG EAST TALKING

PHILADELPHIA | The commissioner of the Mid-American Conference says Temple and the Big East

are talking about the Owls leaving the league to rejoin their old conference.

MAC Commissioner Jon A. Steinbrecher said in a statement Wednesday that his league is "aware that Temple has been in discus-

sions with the Big East regarding membership."

A person familiar with the talks says the Philadelphia-based school and the Big East are trying to negotiate a deal that could have Temple in the league

for all sports by next season. The person spoke Wednesday to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the talks are still ongoing.

Temple played in the Big East in football only

from 1991-2004, but was forced out of the league. It played as an independent and eventually landed in the Mid-American Conference in 2007. The Owls' other sports programs are in the Atlantic 10. — AP



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SYRIA

Shelling kills two Western journalists

**BASSEM MROUE
AND BRIAN MURPHY**
Associated Press

BEIRUT | Syrian gunners pounded an opposition stronghold where the last dispatches from a veteran American-born war correspondent chronicled the suffering of civilians caught in the relentless shelling. An intense morning barrage killed her and a

French photojournalist — two of 74 deaths reported Wednesday in Syria. “I watched a little baby die today,” Marie Colvin told the BBC from the embattled city of Homs on Tuesday in one of her final reports. “Absolutely horrific, a 2-year old child had been hit,” added Colvin, who worked for Britain’s Sunday Times. “They stripped

it and found the shrapnel had gone into the left chest and the doctor said, ‘I can’t do anything.’ His little tummy just kept heaving until he died.” Colvin and photographer Remi Ochlik were among a group of journalists who had crossed into Syria and were sharing accommodations with activists, raising speculation that government forces targeted the

makeshift media center, although opposition groups had previously described the shelling as indiscriminate. At least two other Western journalists were wounded. Hundreds of people have died in weeks of siege-style attacks on Homs that have come to symbolize the desperation and defiance of the nearly year-old uprising against President

Bashar Assad. The Syrian military appears to be stepping up assaults to block the opposition from gaining further ground and political credibility with the West and Arab allies. On Wednesday, helicopter gunships reportedly strafed mountain villages that shelter the rebel Free Syrian Army, and soldiers staged door-to-door raids in Damascus,

among other attacks. The bloodshed and crackdowns brought some of the most galvanizing calls for the end of Assad’s rule. “That’s enough now. The regime must go,” said French President Nicolas Sarkozy after his government confirmed the deaths of Colvin, 56, and Ochlik, 28.

The U.S. and other countries have begun to cautiously examine possible military aid to the rebels. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton heads to Tunisia for a meeting Friday of more than 70 nations to look at ways to assist Assad’s opponents, which now include hundreds of defected military officers and soldiers.

“This tragic incident is another example of the shameless brutality of the Assad regime,” U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said of the killing of the journalists.

In Saudi Arabia, the state news agency described King Abdullah scolding Russian President Dmitry Medvedev — one of Assad’s few remaining allies — for joining China in vetoing a U.N. Security Council resolution this month condemning the violence.

But even Moscow said the ongoing bloodshed adds urgency for a cease-fire to allow talks between his regime and opponents.

Washington had strongly opposed arming anti-Assad forces, fearing it could bring Syria into a full-scale civil war. Yet the mounting civilian death tolls — activists reported at least 74 across Syria on Wednesday — has brought small but potentially significant shifts in U.S. strategies. It remains unclear, however, what kind of direct assistance the U.S. would be willing to provide.

The toppling of Assad also could mark a major blow to Iran, which depends on Damascus as its main Arab ally and a pathway to aid Iran’s proxy Hezbollah in Lebanon.

“We don’t want to take actions that would contribute to the further militarization of Syria because that could take the country down a dangerous path,” White House press secretary Jay Carney said. “But we don’t rule out additional measures if the international community should wait too long and not take the kind of action that needs to be taken.”

The U.N. estimates that 5,400 people have been killed in repression by the Assad regime against a popular uprising that began 11 months ago. That figure was given in January and has not been updated. Syrian activists put the death toll at more than 7,300. Overall figures cannot be independently confirmed because Syria keeps tight control on the media.

On Wednesday, the U.N. said that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon would dispatch Valerie Amos, the undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs, to Syria to assess the situation. No date was set.

Twenty of the deaths reported Wednesday were in Homs, where resistance forces include breakaway soldiers. Homs has drawn comparisons to the Libyan city of Misrata, which withstood withering attacks last year by troops loyal to Moammar Gadhafi.

“It is a city of the cold and hungry, echoing to exploding shells and burst of gunfire,” Colvin wrote in what would be her last story published Feb. 19. “There are no telephones and the electricity has been cut off. Few homes have diesel for the tin stoves they rely on for heat in the coldest winter that anyone can remember.”

She described shrinking supplies of rice, tea and cans of tuna “delivered by a local sheik who looted them from a bombed-out supermarket.”

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Poll: Obama benefitting from improving economy

Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON | President Barack Obama is reaping political benefits from the country's brighter economic mood. A new poll shows that Republicans and Democrats alike are increasingly saying the nation is heading in the right direction and most independents now approve the way he's addressing the nation's post-recession period.

But trouble could be ahead: Still-struggling Americans are fretting over rising gasoline prices. Just weeks before the summer travel season begins, the Associated Press-GfK survey finds pump prices rising in importance and most people unhappy with how Democratic president has handled the issue.

It's seemingly no coincidence that Obama this week is promoting the expansion of domestic oil and gas exploration and the development of new forms of energy.

It's his latest attempt to show that he, more than any of the Republican presidential contenders, knows that voters' pocketbooks remain pinched even as the economy improves overall. And on that question of empathy, solid majorities continue to view him as someone who "understands the problems of ordinary Americans" and "cares about people like you," the AP-GfK survey found.

There is evidence that the nation is becoming markedly more optimistic, and that Obama benefits from that attitude.

Thirty percent in the poll describe the economy as "good," a 15-point increase since December and the highest level since the AP-GfK poll first asked the question in 2009. Roughly the same share say the economy got better in the past month, while 18 percent said it got worse, the most positive read in over a year.

Looking ahead, four in 10 said they expect the economy to get better in the next year and a third said they think the number of unemployed people in the U.S. will decrease, the highest share on either question since last spring. A quarter of those surveyed



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President Barack Obama speaks Feb. 1 in Falls Church, Va. Month by month, the U.S. job market is regaining its health.

said they expect the economy to get worse over the next 12 months, while 31 percent said it would stay the same, the poll found.

As optimism has risen, Obama has received a corresponding bump in his approval rating for handling the economy. Forty-eight percent now say they approve of how he's handling it, up 9 points from December.

Still, for some it's hard to sense an improvement — or give Obama credit for it — when any extra money is being gobbled up at the gasoline pump.

"I give him credit for trying to make improvements, but I don't believe it's had that much effect," said Michael Lee Real of Indianola, Iowa, a city water authority worker who counts himself as a Republican-leaning independent. The cost of gasoline is "one of the big things," says Real, 58. "It fluctuates so much, it makes it hard for me to budget my money."

Overall, seven of 10 respondents called gas prices deeply important, up 6 points from December. Those who view gas prices as "extremely important" rose 9 points, to nearly 39 percent.

The average cost of a gallon has risen 30 cents in that time, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Views on the president's handling of the issue are about the same

as in December: Six in 10 respondents disapprove, including 36 percent who strongly feel that way, while 39 percent approve.

Presidents don't have a great deal of control over oil or gas prices, which now are being influenced by higher U.S. demand and tensions over Iran's nuclear program. But few factors generate as much interest and anxiety among Americans. The rise in prices, faced almost daily by voters, could undercut Obama's argument that he's strengthening the economy and making families more financially secure.

Though Obama's approval rating on the economy has climbed, his negative rating on handling gas prices is stagnant. Just 39 percent approve of what he's doing there, and 58 percent disapprove.

Republicans, locked in battle for the right to face Obama in the general election, expect gas prices to be a top issue by the time Americans set out on their summer vacations. The four vying for the GOP nomination already are warning of higher prices and are pushing for more drilling and relaxed regulations on domestic oil production.





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BEETLE

FROM A1

In Bethel, the Ohio Department of Agriculture is still conducting a survey in Monroe and Tate townships in Clermont County to find the extent of the infestation, Todd said.

"If the Asian Long-horned Beetle were to become established here, it could be one of the most destructive and costly invasive species ever to enter the United States. It threatens urban and suburban shade trees, recreational, and forest resources valued at hundreds of billion of dollars. It might also impact such industries as maple syrup production, hardwood lumber processing, nurseries and tourism," according to a pamphlet produced by the USDA.

Since the bug's discovery in Brooklyn, in 1996, it has been found in New York City and surrounding suburbs as well as in New Jersey, around Chicago and Toronto, Ontario. Alert workers destroyed the beetles in warehouses in other part of the U.S., according to the USDA.

It is thought to be eradicated from the Chicago area, Todd said.

To successfully destroy the beetle, residents need to be alert and report any sightings immediately to the USDA, reports stated.

The adult ALB is large and can be from 1 to almost 2 inches long with antennae as least as long as the body in the female bugs

and twice as long as the body in the males. The insect's body is shiny black with white spots while the antennae are banded in black and white. During the summer, the adult beetles can be seen on walls, outdoor furniture, cars, sidewalks and tree limbs, according to USDA.

While these beetles can fly for 400 yards or more in search of a host tree, they tend to lay eggs inside the same tree from which they emerged as adults until the insect population becomes too dense on that tree, according to USDA reports. Female bugs lay an egg beneath the bark, then the larva tunnels into deeper layers where it feeds and develops over the winter, according to reports.

In the spring, the adult chews its way out of the pupate case leaving a perfectly round exit holes 1/4 to 1/2 inch in diameter. Additionally evidence that can be found, is the sawdust that is pushed out onto the ground and tree branches below the holes, according to reports. Then the adults feed on twigs and leaves, mate, beginning the cycle again, reports stated.

For more information, including quarantine maps and pest alerts visit on line at www.aphis.usda.gov.

Call the Ohio Department of Agriculture's hotline (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service office) at 1-855-252-6450. The recording at that office says office personnel will get back to the caller within 24 hours. Call the U.S. DA at 1-866-702-9938.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PICS!

Vote as often as you like, for as many children as you like! After the first round of voting, the field will be narrowed down in each category. You, the readers, will decide who makes the first cut, and ultimately the winners. Just fill out the form below and mail it in or drop it off.

And the winner is....

The My Beautiful Child winners from the field of 62 children entered will receive a special trophy and their full color picture will appear in an 8 Page section to be distributed inside the Ledger Independent on Friday, April 6, 2012 to over 28,850 readers.

ROUND 1 VOTING BALLOT

Voting Example:	Child's Name	Child's Number	# of Votes	1 free vote	Total Votes
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All votes for ROUND ONE of the My Beautiful Child contest must be submitted by 5pm Monday, February 27, 2012.

Contest Rules:

1. No purchase necessary. Voting forms will be available at The Ledger Independent reception desk between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday, or may be photo copied.
2. Please fill out ballot completely. Any incomplete or incorrect voting ballots will be disqualified.
3. Each vote is a voluntary donation of 25 cents. If you do not wish to donate to The Buffalo Trace Childrens Advocacy Center, then you may submit one free vote per person, per round for no cost. Vote as many times as you like, as often as you like. Please mail forms to The Ledger Independent MBC Contest, P.O. Box 518, Maysville, KY 41056 or drop if off at The Ledger Independent, 120 Limestone Street, Maysville, KY 41056.
4. The Ledger Independent reserves the right to make all final decisions concerning all matters of administration, procedures and eligibility. All entries become property of the Ledger Independent.
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6. Children/Grandchildren of The Ledger Independent employees are not eligible to win.
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Writing competition award goes to Welte

Grace Welte of Augusta, a student at the University of Notre Dame, has been named one of two runners-up in the Norton Writer's Prize competition.

The Norton Writer's Prize is awarded annually for an outstanding essay done for a writing class. Literacy narratives, literary and other textual analyses, reports, pro-

files, evaluations, arguments, memoirs, proposals, mixed-genre pieces, and more: any excellent writing done for an undergraduate writing class is considered.

Welte's essay was entitled "Bracken County, Northern Kentucky." According to judges, they admired the essay for the author's use of description. One judge said "The

writer is to be commended for bringing to life a place and type of farming that probably remains unknown to most readers."

As part of her prize, Welte will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Welte is a graduate of St. Patrick School and is the daughter of Richard and Ja Welte of Augusta.



GRACE WELTE

COMMUNITY IN BRIEF

WHALEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Elza Whalen Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established on Dec. 29, 2007. Mr. Whalen was a retired principal of Mason County High School and Maysville High School. He believed that

young people improve themselves and society through education.

The need-based scholarship is awarded each spring to a Mason County High School graduate who demonstrates high scholastic performance, possesses high professional promise and a commitment to de-

veloping a career.

Applications may now be picked up at the Mason County High School Counselors Office or by calling 759-7637.

WELTE ON DEAN'S LIST AT MENDOZA COLLEGE

Grace Welte of Augusta,

has been named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2011 semester.

Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

ADVICE

Couple can't come to terms over bathroom battleground

DEAR ABBY: My otherwise loving, honest, generous, kind and attentive husband of 10 years feels it's his right to walk into the bathroom whenever he wants, even when I'm in there. He says it's coincidence, but I think he does it intentionally. We don't have locks — or even doors — to shut our master bathroom. We do have other bathrooms in the house.



DEAR ABBY

to be patient because he knows his parents aren't going to change at their age. But they consume so much of our energy with their constant dramatic highs and lows. Any advice for dealing with drama queens (and kings)? They do love us and can be considerate. —

LIVING IN THE REAL WORLD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR REAL: It may help you and your husband to understand that people who act the way your in-laws do are usually insecure on some basic level. They put others down to inflate their egos and reassure themselves that they're "OK" by magnifying (or inventing) flaws in others. When your in-laws start to criticize, be pleasant and make a point of saying something positive about their target. It will short-circuit the rant.

I have asked him repeatedly not to come in or to make some noise so I know he's coming. He says he "forgets." If I'm in the shower or bent over with my head upside down blow-drying my hair and turn around or look up and see another person, I get startled. My adrenaline pumps and I end up yelling at him.

I'd prefer to get clean and pretty in peace. My husband thinks I'm overreacting. Am I? — **BOTHERED IN THE BATHROOM**

DEAR BOTHERED: Feeling as strongly as you do, it's surprising that you would move into a house in which the master bedroom and bath are set up this way. And yes, I do think you're overreacting.

However, you have a couple of options: The first would be for you to get clean and pretty in one of the other bathrooms. The second would be to start a remodeling project and have a door (or doors) to your master bath installed so your husband can knock before entering.

DEAR ABBY: I am married to a wonderful and unique man. Despite his privileged upbringing he is very down-to-earth. His parents' affluence afforded him many opportunities and still does. Unfortunately, my in-laws are snobbish, self-absorbed and competitive. They are critical of everyone — especially their grown son. They put him and each other down constantly. They cause scenes and can't enjoy life.

My husband is trying

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 40-year-old working mother raising a daughter who is the joy of my life. Once in a great while I'll accept an invitation to go on a date and hire a baby sitter to watch my daughter.

My question is, who should pay for the sitter? The man who asked me out or should I? I have yet to have a suitor offer to pay. Is that just the way it is, or are these men just cheap? — **MOM ON A BUDGET**

DEAR MOM: Paying for your daughter's sitter is YOUR responsibility. When you become involved in a steady relationship and the cost of a sitter becomes a financial burden, discuss it then with your boyfriend, who should be willing to share some of the cost.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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BIRD SYMPOSIUM RETURNS MARCH 3

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WEST UNION, Ohio | The much anticipated 9th annual Adams County Amish Bird Symposium will be held Saturday, March 3 at the Wheat Ridge Community Building located in the heart of Adams County's Amish Country.

This year's lineup of speakers includes some of the top biologist, authors and professors in the birding world.

Harvey Webster of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History will be speaking on the Life, Times and Demise of the Passenger Pigeon. Geoff Hill, author and professor at Auburn University will be addressing the Wonders of Bird Coloration. Jim McCormac, biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, will

speak on Ruby-throated Hummingbirds: Feathered Helicopters. Kimberly Kaufman, executive director of the Black Swamp Observatory will present a talk on How To Be a Better Birder-Even if You're Already an Expert. Adams County Wildlife Officer Chris Gilkey will hold a drawing for an opportunity to observe and participate in a Peregrine Falcon banding. Master of ceremonies for this year's Symposium will be Chris Bedel of the Cincinnati Museum Center's Edge of Appalachia Preserve.

Those attending will be treated to a specially prepared Amish made lunch with a choice of meat or vegetarian.

The Wheat Ridge Community Building is located at 3735 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union.

Pre-registration is required to attend this event and seating is limited to 300 participants. Registration deadline is

Feb. 27. Registrations are available at the Adams County Travel and Visitors Bureau office at 509 East Main Street, West Union, or by mail to request a brochure and registration at 937-544-5639, toll free at 877-232-6764, or online at www.adamscountytravel.org.

Price for the event is \$25 per person, children under 12 are free. Mail registration to the Adams County Travel and Visitors Bureau, Amish Bird Symposium, P.O. Box 577, West Union, Ohio 45693.

Program begins at 9:30 a.m., lunch at noon, speakers conclude at 3 p.m., followed by a field trip to Adams Lake. A complete schedule of the Symposium can be found at adamscountytravel.org.

For more information on this and other great Adams County events go to www.adamscountytravel.org or phone 937-544-5639.

HAPPENINGS UPTOWN AND AROUND THE CORNER

- Polar Bear Plunge 3rd annual Charity Auction benefiting Special Olympics, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Tumbleweed Southwest Grill, Maysville.
- Meet-The-Artist open house: photographer Cheryl Collier, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 23, Southern State Community College South Campus, Fincastle, Ohio.
- Geobotany of Adams County with Dr. Meg Riestenberg, Feb. 23, 5:15 p.m., Eulett Center, West Union, Ohio.
- Fathead Davis at Chandler's on Market, Feb. 25, Maysville.
- Vernal Pools with naturalist John Howard, Feb. 27, 5:15 p.m., Eulett Center, West Union, Ohio.
- Wild Hogs in Adams County with biologist Craig Hicks, March 8, 5:15 p.m., Eulett Center, West Union, Ohio.
- Fathead Davis at Chandler's on Market, March 16, Maysville.
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration, March 17, O'Rourke's Pub, Maysville.
- Civil War Series Confederate Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, April 7, 2 p.m., Mason County Public Library, Maysville.
- Fathead Davis at Chandler's on Market, April 14, Maysville.
- "Noises Off" presented by The Maysville Players, April 19 - 29, Washington Opera House, Maysville.

See EVENTS, B2



PROVIDED

Elvis Presley and Joe Esposito

'King's Men' to appear at fundraiser

MOREHEAD | Joe Esposito, Elvis' road manager, is coming to Morehead on Saturday, March 31.

He will be in attendance to show his support of the upcoming fundraising/tribute concert to be held at the Morehead University Johnson Arena starting at 7 p.m.

Joe Esposito is universally recognized as the most credible source on Elvis Presley's life and career. Born in Chicago, Joe met Elvis while serving in the Army in 1959. The two became fast friends and, after their discharge in 1960, Joe became Elvis' right hand man and then became his road manager when Elvis started tour again. He was co-best man at Elvis and Priscilla's wedding in 1967. You can see Joe all through the MGM Documentary, "Elvis, That's The Way It Is". For the next 17 years — until Elvis' death in 1977 — Joe saw to every detail of Elvis' life, both professionally and personally.

See ELVIS, B2

Basket weaving at Artisian Center



PROVIDED

BEREA | On Saturday, March 3, Janet Northern of Mount Vernon, will create baskets using honeysuckle vines and willow bark from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Northern has been making baskets for 15 years and is primarily self-taught. She utilizes the wood and natural vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her Rockcastle County farm to create her baskets. The eastern Kentucky woodlands give Northern inspiration as well as material from which to work.

Preparation of the honeysuckle vines involves boiling them for 30 minutes then stripping off the outer bark to reveal the honey-colored, pliable surface of the vine. When the vines are freshly cut they are pliable, but over time they dry out and need to be soaked in water to

soften them. Northern's smaller baskets are often made with reed and driftwood.

Starting with an interesting piece of wood, Northern begins to design her asymmetrical one-of-a-kind baskets, often creating multiple openings. She soaks the honeysuckle vines in water, attaches them to the piece of wood chosen, and begins to weave her beautiful asymmetrical shapes.

Northern also creates baskets from the inner bark of willow trees. These are usually started with a crisscross pattern and a square bottom. She cuts and tapers the willow bark into varying widths, depending on the size and function of each basket. The bark is kept supple by soaking it in water before weaving.

See BASKETS, B2



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HOW YOU SEE IT

MILLER TIME

What an exciting game last night between Mississippi State and Kentucky. Darius Miller came through once again for Kentucky. He did a great job and the points he made were so needed.

DISHING DIRT

If Romney and Santorum keep at it, they are just losing votes. I have never seen such hate as Romney dishes out at the other candidates. He must be very unaware that people don't like the bashing he does. Such vengeful slurs. We can't improve conditions in our nation on the non-truths from these men.

ON A LEASH

Isn't there a leash law in Maysville? If so, it needs to be enforced. We are tired of cleaning up others' messes in our yard. If you want to keep your dog safe, keep them in your own yard.

CAT CRAZY

This is to the person on Stonelick Road who has a bunch of cats. There were five at my house the other day. I don't know who they belong too but if these are yours you had better keep them at home.

WAY TO GO, DARIUS

Residents of Maysville and Mason County were so very proud of Darius Miller in the game last night with Kentucky and Mississippi State. Way to go!

ROADS NEED ATTENTION

I saw where someone called in about clean up Maysville and Mason County; well, we need to also fix our roads.

THE BLAME GAME BEGINS

Good to see on the news this morning that Obama did not start the gas prices rising, they were high when he came in office and later went down. They have been up and down through the last four years. So don't be putting all the blame on him.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE RULES ON REDISTRICTING PLANS

Dear editor,

On Tuesday, Franklin Circuit Court Judge Phillip Shepherd ruled that the Kentucky State House of Representatives and State Senate redistricting plans violates the Kentucky Constitution.

This ruling was based on the fact that both plans unnecessarily split counties into more than one legislative district and because some districts contained populations that exceed the maximum amount allowed by law.

Judge Shepherd also ruled that all counties shall revert back to their previous drawn legislative lines. The Lewis County Republican Party is satisfied with this ruling as it upholds the requirements of the Kentucky Constitution in maintaining county line integrity in the redistricting process.

It is incumbent upon our elected State Representatives and State Senators to make sure that the legislation they vote on is constitutional. We do not feel that all the legislators in this area have done their due diligence in the redistricting process.

Indeed, all three State Representatives that were to represent Lewis County in the unconstitutional redistricting bill voted to split Lewis County into three districts. Representative Jill York is the only member of the House of Representatives in this area that voted no on this unconstitutional redistricting plan. We again applaud and thank her for strong efforts in upholding the Kentucky Constitution and her willingness to listen to her constituents.

We will always hold our representatives accountable when they blatantly ignore the laws of our Commonwealth and act with such arrogance in dismissing the thoughts and wishes of those they may represent.

The Lewis County Republican Party hopes that when the legislature takes up redistricting once again that our Representatives and Senators will act with the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth in mind and not act based on purely partisan motives.

Sincerely,
Ben Harrison — Chairman, Lewis County Republican Party
Vanceburg

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Candidates are slip slidin' away



PETER FUNT

“Slip — an unplanned utterance, a “slip of the tongue.” If it’s benign it’s a flub, but if it inadvertently provides insight it’s a true slip.

Was it a flub or fib? A slip or a flip-flop? Maybe a gaffe?

Voters judging the presidential candidates must dig through a growing list of imprecise utterances these days to determine whether the remarks should be taken seriously. Even the smallest quips make it to the Internet and cable-TV, and many need deciphering.

Flub — a mistake, almost always innocent in nature. When Mitt Romney said, “I’ve been married to the same woman for 25 — excuse me, I’ll get in trouble — for 42 years,” it was a flub. If Anne Romney doesn’t hold it against him, voters aren’t likely to either.

Gaffe — similar to a flub, but usually worse. In Waterloo, Iowa, where she was born, Michele Bachmann said, “John Wayne was from Waterloo, Iowa. That’s the kind of spirit that I have, too.” But the John Wayne from Waterloo was John Wayne Gacy, the serial killer; the actor was born in Winterset, Iowa. This gaffe may have signaled Iowans that Bachmann’s roots were shallower than she claimed.

Freeze — a mental shutdown, a “brain freeze.” Few campaigns have featured a more dramatic example than Rick Perry’s painful attempt during a nationally televised debate to name the third of three federal agencies he’d close if elected. A few days later he poked fun at himself in a campaign ad, and then declared, “If you want a slick debater, I’m not your guy.” However, it wasn’t the degree of slickness that troubled voters about Perry; the freeze helped solidify the notion that he was underprepared and ill equipped for the presidency.

Slip — an unplanned utterance, a “slip of the tongue.” If it’s benign it’s a flub, but if it inadvertently provides insight it’s a true slip. Romney’s spontaneous offer to bet Perry \$10,000 (about what he said in his book regarding healthcare) was a slip because Romney could have made his point by saying, “I’ll bet you 10 bucks.” By placing the ante at 10 grand he heightened concern about whether such a wealthy politician can relate to ordinary citizens.

Fib — a premeditated statement that is false, similar to a lie, but crafted to qualify as truth on technical grounds. Newt Gingrich has been claimed repeat-

edly about the work he did for Freddie Mac that paid him roughly \$1.6 million. Gingrich insists it wasn’t “lobbying,” according to the strict legal definition of the term. But it’s a fib in the opinion of many on Capitol Hill who know Gingrich exerted his influence, no matter what you call it.

Dodge — avoiding a question by giving an unrelated answer. In a CNN debate, Ron Paul was asked if Gingrich and Romney should “return” money they made from Freddie Mac (one for services, the other as a shareholder). Paul said: “That subject really doesn’t interest me a whole lot. The question is, what are we going to do about Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It should have been auctioned off right after the crash came.” Moderator Wolf Blitzer never demanded an answer, allowing the dodge to succeed.

Flip-flop — Changing one’s position, usually in a way that signals political calculation rather than a true change of heart. Romney is branded as a flip-flopper for revising his positions on abortion, healthcare, guns and immigration, among others. But all the candidates have flipped and flopped at times. Gingrich, for example, was an outspoken advocate of the so-called individual mandate for health insurance — and now says he’s vehemently against it, presumably because that’s what his voter base demands.

Misstatement — if it’s corrected immediately it’s likely to be a slip, but if it’s corrected later it’s a misstatement. Romney said repeatedly that he would end “Obamacare” by executive order on his first day in office. After numerous challenges he finally conceded that only Congress could repeal the law. Did he misspeak, or was he misinformed?

The worst political snafus come about when a candidate slips, dodges and then claims to have misspoken — all on the same issue. Romney told CNN that he was not concerned about the “very poor” because they have an ample safety net. Asked to clarify, he repeated the slip, making it a gaffe. A few hours later he tried a dodge by saying his remarks had been “taken out of context.” The next day he claimed that he “misspoke.”

In the current campaign, the war of words is producing many casualties.

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Turning blind eye to government benefits



CLARENCE PAGE

“Many recipients of government benefits have, shall we say, an elastic idea of what constitutes a “government benefit.”

Why do Americans so often vote against their own economic interests? Because money isn’t everything. Values matter, too, especially when your values tell you that cuts in government spending won’t bring new pain to hard workers like you.

That’s my simplest answer to that often-perplexing question. Here’s a longer one:

The question has taken on new urgency as two big issues drive the politics of this election year: income inequality and growing government debt. White working-class voters form the Republican Party’s base as it fights against tax increases on the wealthy. Yet college-educated upper-income earners are among President Barack Obama’s biggest supporters as he pushes for those upper-income tax hikes.

The latest surprises to confirm this stereotype-defying trend come in a New York Times report published last weekend. It found that the red states, which vote most reliably for deficit-cutting conservatives and traditional self-reliance values, also happen to be the states in which government benefits account for the largest share of personal income.

Hypocrisy? No, let’s be charitable. Many recipients of government benefits have, shall we say, an elastic idea of what constitutes a “government benefit.”

I was informed of this in a gigabyte of emails that I received last summer after writing about a study by Cornell’s Suzanne Mettler. She found that substantial percentages of people who are receiving benefits of such programs as Social Security (44 percent), unemployment (43 percent) and Medicare (40 percent) told researchers that they have not received a “government benefit.”

Irritated readers responded with personal arguments that basically went like this:

“How dare you refer to (Social Security/Medicare/unemployment/home mortgage income tax deduction/ etc., etc.) as a ‘benefit’ I worked hard for (fill in the blank) years to earn my (Social Security/Medicare/unemployment/home mortgage income tax deduction/ etc., etc.), you (fill in the invective).”

Believe me, I get it. The dispute here is between what I mean when I say “benefit” and what some people hear. In the years since Ronald Reagan won blue-collar votes by denouncing “welfare queens” and the like, many voters have come to associ-

ate the word “benefits” with handouts to “deadbeats” and “losers” and “cheats.”

But, sorry, folks, if you think of your Social Security taxes, for example, as some sort of deposit to a government savings account or “lockbox,” you have a mistaken impression. It’s a “government benefit.” Own it and protect it.

In that values vein, I had a recent email exchange with Charles Murray, the often-controversial libertarian scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, while writing a column on his new book, “Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010.” Put simply, it argues that the divide between those who have a college education and those who don’t is widening not only in income and upward mobility but also in cultural values.

Contrary to common beliefs, the new yuppie-era upper class that Murray labels “Belmont” is adhering to old-school traditional values as measured by such statistical standards as marriage, parenting, work habits and church attendance rates — while those measures show the new, lesser-educated worker class that he calls “Fishtown” is sliding into a new underclass of long-term unemployment, fatherless children and dependency.

My criticism: Murray’s analysis, while important, puts too much of the blame on culture and too little on the seismic structural changes in our economy since the 1960s. The low-skill, high wage jobs that supported American family life in earlier decades largely have been lost to cheaper labor markets overseas.

But, given Murray’s view that blue-collar whites are drifting away from the values of upper-class elites, I asked whether he had any thoughts as to why blue-collars whites continue to vote conservative, according to exit polls.

“You’ve still got a big proportion of Fishtown that’s getting married, working hard, etc.,” he wrote back. “They’re the ones who are most likely to vote (overall voting among the working class is quite low), and also the ones who rationally can vote for conservative candidates. So it’s not surprising that the polling results from Fishtown still tend to go Republican.”

In other words, the most important values in an election, regardless of income or education, are the ones that motivate you to get off the couch and vote.

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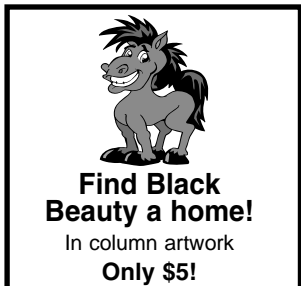
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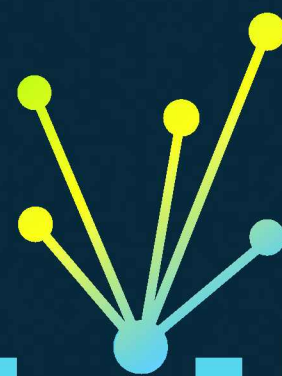


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